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of
Jay and Frances Benton

"Middlesex House"
Three Pequossette Road
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"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"
THREE PEQUOSSETTE ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

THE ILLUSTRATED DIARY

of

JAY R. BENTON

for

MARCH

1943

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ARMY AIR FORCES ~~TECHNICAL SCHOOL~~
~~SEYMOUR JOHNSON FIELD, NORTH CAROLINA~~

03

Sun. Nite

Dear Mom + Dad ——

Just pulled in to Buffalo, N.Y. —— (not on my home-town) The train ride was tiring & tough (24 hours in dirty old day coaches) and I am dead tired.

Another New Address! ——

Pvt. David Benton
AAF Training Detachment
Canisius College
Buffalo, N.Y.

Looks like ground school classes in math, Physics, aerodynamics etc + conditioning (calisthenics etc.) Just guessing though — will

know better tomorrow.

We are quartered in a super classy Masonic building — swimming pool — billiard room. Really terrific!

This setup is quite a contrast to being a buck-private in A.C. on Ft Bragg-Robinson field. For the first time, we have sheets on our beds. And to top it all off, our mess is just like Officer's mess — waitresses and all.

Lights out —

Love,
Dave

March 1, 1943

Mailing Department
Boston Herald
80 Mason Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly change the address on my subscription from:

Private David Benton
A.S.N. - 11082081
Group IX - B.T.D.
Squadron C - P -
A A F R T C
Room 23
Atlantic City, New Jersey

to:

PRIVATE DAVID BENTON
798 T.S.S. BARRACKS 1044
SEYMOUR JOHNSON FIELD
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Yours very truly,

JRB:BCC

March 1, 1943

Mr. Edward H. Redstone
Boston Public Library
Copley Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Redstone:

Thanks for your advice about theatrical programs, and I have sent along a bundle of them to you in today's mail. I hope some of the items will be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

Jay P. Benton

Dear Mr Benton:
We have in the Boston Public Library a very fine collection of old Time Theatrical Programs.
We would like very much to accept any additional Programs for our collection Please send them along.

Cordially yours
EH Redstone

26 Feb. 1943

The Public Library  *of the City of Boston.*

Boston, Mass.

March 4, 1943.

Dear Sir:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your gift to the Boston Public Library of a collection of thirty-one theatre programs, mainly New York theatres, 1914-1926.

Yours respectfully,
Milton E. Lord, Director.
By FEW

FORM NO. 157. 12 14.42 500

Office Holders Win Re-Election In Town Election

With the highest percentage of Belmont's registered voters going to the polls for any annual town election since that of 1939, Selectman Charles R. Betts swamped two rival candidates Monday to win a second term, while Mrs. Gwendolyn K. Nickels and Secretary Peter Stengel gained re-election to the School Committee by a narrower margin in weathering the challenge of Mrs. Gertrude F. McManus.

Carrying every precinct without difficulty, Mr. Betts received 3,520 votes, to 1,144 for the runner-up, Edward J. Doherty, Harvard Lawn attorney. The third candidate for selectman, Arthur J. Shinners, Jr., Boston newspaperman, who touched off the principal political fireworks of last week-end by injecting the Hatch Act and its application to two members of the local rationing board into the campaign, trailed with 576 votes.

Intensive campaigning by Mrs. McManus in her first bid for town office resulted in her polling the substantial total of 2,500 votes. The two re-elected School Committee members, however, still had comfortable margins of victory. Mr. Stengel's total was 3,310 and that of Mrs. Nickels 3,032. Mr. Stengel ran first in every precinct except Precinct 3, which gave Mrs. McManus the highest vote, and in Precinct 7, where the surprising results showed Mrs. Nickels in first place with Mr. Stengel also running ahead of Mrs. McManus.

In the only other contest Police Lieutenant Harry A. Carey, Patrolman John J. Durham, Percival J. Haag and Ward P. Snow all were re-elected as constables, each of them receiving at least three times as many votes as the 1,054 given to Arthur G. Mize, court officer of the East Cambridge district court and former constable in Arlington.

The 5,388 voters who cast ballots Monday represented 37.6 per cent of the total registration.

The highest complimentary vote among the unopposed candidates for re-election was given to former Attorney-General Jay R. Benton, who polled 4,390 votes for public library trustee. The tempest in a teapot stirred up over the week-end when Harold G. Dunney, state OPA administrative officer, requested the resignation from the local rationing board of Seth T. Gano because of his candidacy for re-election as a library trustee, an unpaid post in which he has served for nearly thirty years, apparently had a slight adverse effect on the size of the vote polled by Mr. Gano. He was re-elected to the library board along with Mr. Benton, but the 4,024 votes he received was the smallest number given any unopposed candidate.

CHART OF TABULATIONS

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
MODERATOR								
Damon E. Hall	1133	508	427	433	622	593	422	4138
Blanks	295	181	234	148	117	107	168	1250
								5388
ASSESSOR								
H. Thaxter Underwood	1147	527	463	438	640	600	442	4257
Blanks	281	162	198	143	99	100	148	1131
								5388
TOWN CLERK								
Charles B. Wiggin	1161	532	471	439	637	602	444	4291
Blanks	267	157	190	142	102	93	146	1097
								5388
CONSTABLES								
Harry A. Carey	1042	509	456	435	547	573	415	3977
John J. Durham, Jr.	1168	546	472	392	574	566	404	4122
Percival J. Haag	1043	489	446	408	594	563	407	3950
Arthur G. Mize	234	139	166	135	151	111	118	1054
Ward P. Snow	937	395	338	317	482	517	376	3362
Blanks	1288	678	766	637	608	470	640	5087
								21552
WATER COMMISSIONER								
Samuel Alcock	1114	508	459	436	608	581	424	4130
Blanks	314	181	202	145	131	119	166	1258
								5388
MEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH								
George M. Olive	1160	530	461	435	629	593	440	4248
Blanks	268	159	200	146	110	107	150	1140
								5388
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY								
Jay R. Benton	1173	537	477	445	652	633	473	4390
Seth T. Gano	1110	498	424	399	611	577	405	4024
Blanks	573	343	421	318	215	190	302	2362
								10776
COMMISSIONER PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS								
Olaf Nelson	1112	494	428	427	615	591	451	4118
Blanks	316	195	233	154	124	109	139	1270
								5388
TREE WARDEN								
William R. Thompson	1159	526	463	422	614	603	442	4229
Blanks	269	163	198	159	125	97	148	1159
								5388



MARCH

My bankroll is as skimpy
As my very brief apparel,
But since taxes crush the Axis
Why, I'd gladly wear a barrel!

Monday, March 1ST 1943

The Big News today. A letter from David telling us that he had led in the marks of his squadron of 1200 men. Breakfast was orange juice - wheat germ - fried eggs & bacon. toast - butter - Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances. and taking Mrs. Tibby aboard at School St. Subway. C. of C. a carton of Camel Cigarettes for David. Office - Work - Out to lunch at 12.30. Photostats to Spaulding Moss - mailed State Income Tax Returns at Central Post office. Left yard of Black Walnut from Daniel Webster's Birthplace. at Allen Bros. on Cornhill To have marker put on. Walked down Tremont St. to the Country Plate in the little Building - Roast stuffed Veal. Carrots - Peas. Milk - a Temple Orange at Disradis - Office. Siesta - Work. Left at 4.15. Cars all the way home. Out at Payson Road. Into the church To vote in the Town Election - he with Herb. Rogers. And who was checking But Lizz in Rogers. - Home. Scotch Highballs. Right to bed. Started feeling poorly again with my cold at noon. Ached and my nose running +

DAVID NOW IN BUFFALO
X FOR PREFLIGHT TRAINING!

Tuesday, March 2nd 1943

Breakfast of scrambled eggs and little sausages. To the Square with Frances. Subway Office-Work-Conf. with Capt. Peary & new assistant auditor-Goldman Edmundson on revising war riders. At 12.45 to Parker House. Knockers Club-Boyard Tuckerman, Lis Quest, Charles B. Barnes Jr. Gerald Henderson, Jarvis Hunt, Jack Thayer, Jim Bailey. Omelette with Chipped Beef-Green Peas-Milk. Ice Cream. On way back into Standing Room to get 3 Photostats-they came out wonderfully. Office. Real Estate Meeting-Ed Baker in to make acknowledgment. George Willard Smith, Pres. New England Mutual in re Red Cross. Left at 4.15-to David T. Montague's Office in the Tremont Building. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Vermont Association-As Home-spun and rustic as ever. Park St-Cars all the way home. Little Living Room. Cold Roast Lamb. Baked Macaroni & Cheese. Green Peas. Salad. Home made Soup. Baked Apple. John & Peter went into the hockey game. David is now in Buffalo-Pre flight school at Canisius College.

THE VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

February 25, 1943

Executive Committee meeting Tuesday,
March 2nd, 4:30 P. M., at Room 1041
Tremont Building, Boston.

D. T. Montague, Sec'y

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ASHBURTON PLACE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

March 2, 1943

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton:

Again we are indebted to you for legal periodicals and other Massachusetts materials, all of which are acceptable and helpful to us.

Despite curtailed appropriations and a small student body, the library continues to grow, and we are grateful to you for such tangible evidences of your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison MacDonald

Harrison MacDonald
Librarian

BOSTON, TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1943

U. S. Army Hardens in California 'Tunisian' Desert



Tanks Rehearse in American Desert for Action Against the Axis

Medium tanks of the 6th Armored Division churn up desert California during maneuvers designed to fit the machines and men for fighting in North Africa or on other strategic fronts. Bottom: A portion of the division lines up for inspection.

'Blues' defend Palen Pass in face of armored attack by 'Reds'; overseas base simulated.

DESERT TRAINING CENTER, Calif., March 2 (AP)—In the heart of California's desert, 85,000 officers and men of the United States Army completed their first maneuvers problem of 1943 yesterday. It was shadow boxing designed to develop an American blow for the Axis in the Tunisian campaign.

The maneuvers, first in a se-

ries, were staged in an arena comprising 30,000 square miles of desert forming the newly established training center, patterned after an overseas operational base.

Two armored divisions formed the attacking "Red" army and a motorized infantry division was the "Blue" army, charged with holding strategic Palen Pass.

Preliminary skirmishes were waged between the two forces about 20 miles north of the pass and the Blue Army retired to four-mile-wide Palen Pass, where it had prepared strong defensive positions to stop the surge of the advancing Reds.

From a promontory, Army observers and newspapermen watched the first armored division lay down an artillery barrage, simulated by dynamite charges behind the Blue lines and fire smoke pots.

Red infantry sappers and engineers removed barbed wire entanglements, pill boxes and mines.

Tanks from the first armored division roared out from natural desert camouflage and smashed the center of the Blue defense. Into this breach poured tanks, vehicles and men from a second armored division, which swung in from the East to exploit the broken Blue lines.

The Blues, however, had delivered almost paralyzing blows the night before by staging "Commando" raids behind Red lines, knocking out hundreds of tanks and capturing large supplies of gasoline.

The battle was the last of two phases of this particular desert problem, in which the mettle of men and metal was tested under exact conditions they would encounter in Tunisia. The first phase was the battle of sup[illegible]



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March 2, 1943

Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

We have your inquiry of March 1, and we are sorry that we cannot accommodate you just yet by sending you a catalog of Rose Arbors and prices, as ours is not ready for mailing, due to conditions.

However, we will send you one just as soon as it is possible and in the meantime we would like to suggest that you come in at our Showroom and see our garden equipment on display. Our Salesmen will be happy to assist you.

Very truly yours,

G. FULLER & SON LUMBER CO.

BY Sylvia C. Sheldon
SECRETARY

S.

NATHANIEL H. ATKINS
45 STONE ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

March 2, 1943.

Dear Ray:—

You are a wonder at finding old items. Clothing received today was 1907. And I remember the "Press". I was assistant teacher in Bookkeeping, rather than Manual Training. The Lowell High School had two buildings and my boss had charge of one and taught Boone bookkeeping. He had just resigned to take a better job in Newton, and I had already been elected to take his place and have charge of the building, when I decided to go to Cambridge. As a matter of fact the authorities (in Cambridge) were slow in advertising the vacancy for the rather expensive equipment I required, and in April, 1908 I accepted a fine offer to go to Bryant & Stratton's (a man suddenly died in office) Thanks very much.

Nate

Wed. P.M.

Dear Mom & Dad — FEB. 3, '43

Snow here again — the fourth consecutive day. We haven't done much but detail work (cleaning guns etc) and drill since our arrival. I expect we'll start classes the first part of next week.

According to the program we will be here five months! — Taking courses in math, physics, English, economic geography, history, civil air regulations and ten hours flying — 8 dual instruction and two solo. Then we go

or to eight months of flight training before getting our wings.

All this makes me sort of down and since I'll just be wasting time & the Government money doing work in math, physics, English etc. all of which I have had before. In fact in math, Phys. Hist. & English I will be two or three years ahead of the material. The flying & Regulations are useless to me since I am going to be a navigator.

My only hope (and the it will there is a possibility & it happening) is that I will be sent into flight

short in ~~three~~ two months. or
so due to my mark,
in the "A.C." exams. Now,
I hope to — stay on
here for five months,
doing nothing else but
appeal to me on merits.
I wouldn't mind if I
could take more and
advanced ones — but
I am a, ~~[illegible]~~ the
~~[illegible]~~ the drag is if
marks except in ~~[illegible]~~ one
and me in two others,
who have already had
work if this always.

Or well — the best with
it. There is nothing I
can do but wait — and

huge.

This is really a wonderful place — just like this [illegible] college ought to be. And we [illegible] time. After we [illegible] have no [illegible] but [illegible] — and good [illegible] more or less. [illegible] will be [illegible] this [illegible]. We still [illegible] for. — and [illegible] to [illegible]. With [illegible] we [illegible] get — it does [illegible] this — more [illegible] and the [illegible] by [illegible]

10 ℔ a day [3] (discounting
the two weekends I can
have to A. -.). The rest
is going into bonds,
insurance and my
savings account.

Received my first letter
in over a week today
— from Jeanne. She was
a jot in a N.Y. depth, I
there, designing lighting.

Has John gone back to
Camp Gordon yet? Let
me know, all the family
news.

Love to you all,

Dave

P.S. and my third Oyster "shot"
this A.M. — no effects — ill otherwise

New Address:

Pvt. S. V. -

22nd Trng. Det.

Canisius College

Buffalo, N. Y.



"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"
THREE PEQUOSSETTE ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

Mar. 3, 1943

Dear Dad—

In today's mail I received my commission check on the group insurance. I can't put into words my thanks for this wonderful business, but I think you know how deeply grateful I am and always will be for it.

With love

John

Wednesday, March 3rd 1943

Snowing this morning. Frances away first on the cars. For breakfast - Orange juice - Oatmeal toast - Butter - Filet of Sole. Iced Coffee. Frances was down for a snuggle. to town all the way on the cars. Office - Work. Newell D. Andrews over to look at the group picture of the Second Grade at Daniel Butler School. Waverley - in 1891. Miss Clara Burbank. Teacher - Conf. with Merton L. Brown + Earle L. Keene on legislation. Out to lunch at 12.30 with Lane. to Piccoli's on Washington St. Lobster Club Sandwich - Milk - Orange. To Woolworth's - Bought 3 frames for the Photostats - Office - Paul Fargo, ex asst. sub. at Quincy in for a conf. Jack Hennessey in to look at the old school photo and reminiscing for 45 minutes about Old Waverley. Short siesta. Left at 4.15. Snowing harder. Home all the way on the cars. Little Living Room. Scotch Highballs. Later put the Ash barrels in - Dinner. Meat Loaf - Mashed Potato. Gravy. Lettuce & Tomato Salad. Pop Overs. Orange Jelly. to bed at 7. John not home for dinner - to skate at the Boston Arena.

Thursday, March 4th 1943
Considerable snow last night – For breakfast Orange juice-Wheat germ - Baked Beans - Bacon - Fried egg. Toast - Butter - Iced Coffee - to Tea Square with Frances in Mrs. Packett's Car and taking Mrs. Tibby aBoard at School St. Subway. Office. Cold. Work – out to lunch at 12.20 with Lane – Colder - to Steuben's on Boylston St – Roast Beef Pot Pie - Milk - Orange. Office – Work. Siesta. Left at 3.45 - Bus to the North Station – 4.20 train to Belmont – Attended Trustees' meeting at the Belmont Public Library – over at 5.50. Had a ride home with Mr. & Mrs. Williams. Curtis – Little Living Room. Scotch Highballs. Girls out. Frances Cooking – Minced Lamb on toast. Spaghetti with Parmesan Cheese - Carrots. French Bread & Milk. Cucumber & Lettuce Salad + Baked Apple - to bed at 7.20 +

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monthly Meeting of Trustees

Thursday, March 4th, at 5 P.M. at the Library.

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OWNER
ORVILLE E. SAMMANN



ON THE COAST HIGHWAY
MIDWAY BETWEEN
SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

Santa Maria Inn
Santa Maria, California

March 21, 1943

Dear Mother + Daddy,

Well, I have an apt. but-
haven't seen it yet. Sally Page
took over a tiny house up here
last week. It has a 2-rooms + a
1-room apt. They will have the 2-room
one because of little Sally. We
will have the 1-room apartment. We
are lucky to get anything as the
housing situation is really bad
here. There are nearly 75,000
service men in this area, some
at Camp Cooke, some at a Bomber
Base. I know I will like the
new place, as Sally wouldn't
rent a place that wasn't O.K.
Then, they have Sally's mother's

This INN is equipped with GRINNELL AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS. Statistics show
loss of life has never occurred in a sprinkled building

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MANAGER



ON THE COAST HIGHWAY
MIDWAY BETWEEN
SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

Santa Maria Inn

Santa Maria, California

Car so Ted + Jim can get in with the greatest ease. All in all, it seems ideal.

Jim going out house-hunting with some of the others now. Del with Soos again. Our new address is:

414½ N. Alvin
Santa Maria.

It is in the "nice" part of town, too.

Love to all,

Mary

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FRANK J. McCOY
OWNER
ORVILLE E. SAMMANN
MANAGER

ON THE COAST HIGHWAY
MIDWAY BETWEEN
SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

Santa Maria Inn

Santa Maria, California

Dear family -

The address I sent was slightly wrong. The right one is:

404 E. Alvin Ave.

Sally Page gave me the wrong one.

Love,

Mary

This INN is equipped with GRINNELL AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS. Statistics show loss of life has never occurred in a sprinkled building

SANTA MARIA INN — SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA



THE INN DINING ROOM

3A-H1489

Checked in at 7:15 p.m

SANTA MARIA INN
Santa Maria, California

A Delightful Inn on California's Road of Romance, the Mission Trails.



POST CARD

Dear family—
Here we are—on the lookout again. I have plenty of company this trip, however. This is a delightful Inn in a delightful town. Will keep you informed.
Love, Mary

Mr. Ed Mrs. Jay Rogers Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont
Massachusetts

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March 4, 1943

Jay R. Benton, President,
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company,
160 Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much for sending to me copy of your letter to George Willard Smith. The gift of $1,500 by your company is deeply appreciated. I will see that it is not published.

You are very kind to say you think they are fortunate in having me as their leader to raise their funds. I only hope you are right, but if we should fail, please don't blame me for the failure. I will, however, take my share of the blame.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Rowley

CHARLES F. ROWLEY,
General Chairman
1943 War Fund

CFR:P

Thursday —

March 4, 1943

Dear John —

Drop me a line sometime and tell me some of the news from home.

My work is going better now. I just got another C in an English theme. This one was about my New York trip. Tell Dad that I will send him a copy.

I saw the Exeter - Andover track meet yesterday. We won, as you probably know. It was all very swell.

Last Saturday we had "Life Begins At 8:30." It was super punk - be sure to miss it. It seems too bad, too because Ida Lupino is always good and lovely

Wooley's talents are wasted in a lot of inferior trunk scenes.

No more hockey and all the hockey players have to do calisthenics. I'm quite lame.

I'm reading a number of things now. Either required or not they're all pretty grand. "Don Quixote, Of Thee I Sing, Blithe Spirit, The Stoops To Conquer, and Life On The Mississippi."

That's all for now—

Love,
Mick

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FEBRUARY



MARCH

March 4, 1943

To the Field Force:

TIME MARCHES ON! March has always been the outstanding month in all of our President's Campaigns, especially in the ORDINARY branch. Therefore, the remaining days in this Campaign should be spent in pushing your ordinary production through to a successful conclusion.

ALL ORDINARY APPLICATIONS written from now on should be followed up to see that they are examined and sent to the Home Office. Applications returned for any reason should be promptly dealt with and sent back to the Home Office.

Remember that ORDINARY must be PLACED and PAID FOR in order to qualify! You still have the balance of March to close regular ordinary and get it issued in time to be placed, but if you want to be on the safe side, be sure and get the first premium in advance with the application.

Don't wait until the last week and be disappointed when you find that your application did not reach the Home Office in time to be issued for the contest.

How about that $5,000 or $10,000 policy? Have you written one up to the present time? If not, keep on plugging - keep on prospecting - opportunity may be right around the corner!

PUSH! PUSH! PUSH! for ORDINARY during the balance of March.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Moody

Supt. of Agencies.

March 4, 1943

Damon E. Hall, Esq.
53 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Damon:

Next Monday evening, March 8th, I plan to observe and hear the Town Meeting. I miss it after three years. I will be in the rear of the Town Hall and you can ask permission for me to come up and sit on the rostrum beside you. When you indicate the time for me to do so, I am going to present to the Town the gavel made from a black walnut tree on Daniel Webster's birthplace at Franklin, New Hampshire. The tree was blown down in the hurricane of September 1938 and the gavel was fashioned for me as a gift by one Harkins, a tree surgeon, and with whom I played summer baseball at Rye North Beach, more years ago than I like to think about.

Sincerely yours,

JRP:BCC

John R. Benton

Friday Morning, March 5, 1943

Mr. Nicholas Benton
Box 534
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

Old Man Winter keeps sitting in our laps, congealing our torsos, and in every way making himself a nuisance. I think you had better have some ear-laps, wristers, and fur lined gloves, as you are fifty miles nearer the North Pole than we are. So five dollars is enclosed.

I am glad your studies are coming better. Work hard. And be of good cheer. Spring is just around the corner.

With Love,

JRB:BCC
Enclosure

March 5, 1943

Private Courtney G. Newman
618th Technical School Squadron
Truax Field, Barracks 1137
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Courtney:

Mr. Mansfield has just shown me your letter to him dated March 2nd, and I have read all the contents with considerable interest. It was a great shock to all of us here at the home office when Miss Davis died so suddenly. We knew she was quite ill but when the news came out of a clear sky, it was a great shock to us all. The funeral services were held at the Waterman Funeral Parlors on Commonwealth Avenue and there must have been over 35 from the home office and several of the district superintendents.

The news of your progress is intensely interesting and I hope that your progress in the days to come will be as fine as it has been since you first went to Atlantic City.

There is not a great deal of news at the home office. Things go on pretty much the same. A few times we have been on narrow ice with little or no fuel oil to heat the building. In fact, there was one time when we were down to the bottom of the tank and the new supply did not arrive until after nine o'clock in the morning! A day or two before, a truck had come at an odd hour and put a few gallons of fuel oil down into the old tank which is not usable now. All this has been a source of great worry and confusion to Mr. Mansfield and your brother David.

A few weeks ago Miss Harriet Chandler was married to a young naval aviator, and I assume she is now in Florida with him.

My second boy, David, who enlisted in the Air Corps Reserve, was called to service on January 31st. He went to Atlantic City but wasn't as fortunate as you were and had no bathroom with a marble tub and orchid and blue walls. He said he was at some hotel that was pretty much of a dump. They walked his feet off and for several weeks his feet were covered with

blisters. Then he went to North Carolina for just a few days, and the next thing we knew he was at Buffalo, New York, where he is now at Pre-Flight training. About two weeks ago he received a mark of 115 and led the squadron which he is in, which is composed of 1200 men. My oldest boy, John, is still at home on sick leave with high blood pressure.

We just had a letter from Walter Benjamin who was sent to Florida for an advanced course, and a postal card said he is on his way now to Harvard for study. He also has foot trouble. How are your feet?

As you know, the home office building has been closed Saturdays all through the winter to save fuel oil. I don't know what we will do when the weather gets warmer.

We had another blackout test all throughout Massachusetts last Sunday night. They changed the signals once again and once again everybody got all balled up and put off their lights too early or put them on too soon, but it gave all our air raid wardens a chance to work out their whistles.

Everett Lane's pig, named "Grunt", went to the slaughter house about two weeks ago and has now been cut up into all kinds of delicacies. Everett Lane helped out in the butchering and took a small slice off the end of one of his fingers!

I certainly hope that you get a furlough soon and that some nice spring day you will come walking into the home office. You will get a bigger reception and hear louder applause than were received by Madame Chiang Kai Chiek entered Congress or when Franklin D. rode along the African sands in a jeep.

So far the Office of War Information has issued no communique whatsoever as to the whereabouts of one Byron Wright. To date he is the "Mystery of the Second World War!"

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Jay P. Benton

JRB:BCC

Belmont Public Schools

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

MARK R. SHIBLES
SUPERINTENDENT

March fifth
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Mr. Jay Rogers Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

I have referred your letter in regard to the inquiry for a list of pupils in the second grade at the Butler School with Miss Burbank as teacher for the year 1891-92, to our Attendance Department which keeps the statistical records and as soon as I have received a reply from them I shall forward it to you at once.

Cordially yours,

Mark R. Shibles

Mark R. Shibles
Superintendent of Schools

MRS:DL

P. S. Since the writing of this letter I have been informed by the Attendance Department that they do not have any records for the Butler School for the year 1891-92. They only have records for two schools for those years--Central Intermediate and Brighton Street Primary.

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March 5, 1943.

Hon. Jay R. Benton,
160 Congress St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay:

The death of my good friend and fellow townsman, Judge Fosdick, creates a vacancy on the bench of the Superior Court and, among others, the Governor has my name under consideration for the position.

You have been so kind to me in the past that I hesitate to ask you to add a word of recommendation to the many filed by others of my friends prominent in public and private life, but if you care to do so I shall be most grateful.

As my associate under J. Weston Allen and later as my Chief when you were Attorney General, also our other associations, you are very familiar with my ability, character and reputation and I know that if you should be asked about me in this connection I am sure of your hearty indorsement.

With deep appreciation of all past favors and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

A. Chesley

Friday, March 5th 1943 -

A long night's sleep and up at the regular time - Breakfast was orange juice - Oatmeal - Dropped egg on fish cake - Toast - Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances - she on her way to Boston Red Cross - Subway - office - Work. Out to lunch at 12.30 with Jane - to Cornhill - to Allen Bros. Picked up the gavel from Daniel Webster's Birthplace - with the plastic Band with the wording upon it. Walked down Tremont to Boylston to Carver St. Was going to the Carver House - But it was closed for repairs - so next door to Olas - Tomato juice - Broiled Mackerel. Carrots - Beets - Milk - Orange. On the way Back to Liggetts - Medicine - Benedicts - Rubbing Alcohol. to Woolworths for an awl. Back to the office - Out to shot places available for our printing department. Office. Left at 4.15 - to the Liquor Mart - for a Bottle of "King William" - to Filene's two large bags of Bath Softeners - "Gardenia" & "Lavender" Subway. Both Arms weighed down with bundles. Cars all the way home. Little Living Room. Scotch HighBalls - Dinner. Broiled live Lobsters that John had Brought out from Foley's Fish Market. French Fried Potatoes. Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber Salad. Rolls - Butter. Milk. Strawberries & Cream - to Bed at 7.10.

Snow, Sleet, Slush

The worst frozen slush conditions of the season in Boston were forecast for today in the wake of a storm which lashed the city all day yesterday and changed to sleet and rain after depositing about three inches of snow.

Saturday March 6th 1943
Another Blizzard is on in full force this morning — Woke up well refreshed — Breakfast included - orange juice - Corn flakes - minced lamb on Toast - dropped egg on toast - iced Coffee — John was away early again - going to spend the day at Dunlap's in Saunderscott — Hung the David Butler School and the Harvard 1908 Senior Picnic pictures in the Annex Hall — put the new bound diaries in the bookcase in my bed room — Pasted old theatre programs in scrap book - 1941 to 1921 — Cleaned out the den closet - it was chock-a-block cram full of everything. Frances called up the Highland Oil Company and they delivered some more fuel oil - we were down to a quarter of a Tank — Luncheon at 1.30 — Finan Haddie - Boiled Potato. Lettuce Salad - Jello fruit. Rested from three on - After went to the Harvard-Yale hockey game — John telephoned that he was staying at Swampscott over night. Conditions bad - Been raining and now there is slush, flooded streets - icy streets - several cars stuck on Pequossette Road —

Sat. P.M.
MAR. 6, '42

Dear Mom + Dad ——

Another blizzard today! So far it has snowed every day but one since our arrival.

Ate roast ? morning thing at a Catholic college since over 50 % of the fellows in this squadron are Jewish —— mostly from N.Y.C. The next time you see me I'll probably have a Brooklyn accent.

We had another Detamo injection this morning — a longer number than usual passed out.

Such is true but is confined

to the hospital with a temp. of 101. + I worked in his ward as an orderly this afternoon. Sure hope I never get sick in the Army. Those poor boys are miserable. One fellow was delirious and we had a heck of a time tucking him quiet.

I'll get some pictures as soon as I can. You must remember that my first time to photograph rid. To date I have had just 20 hours free time — three times Sundays in A.C. with Jane — and no cameras were allowed! Tough — as —!

The Boston surgeons are
experimental by all but don't
further it and any surgeon.
The homeopaths have refused
me with any consultation.
We have a very nice looking
room with only chairs, two
benches and a table.
All this is very important
for the whole thing.
I wish I could tell you
what — it is much too
soon and discussion is
but of an almost pedantic
nature, which
is not very good, as
I don't object in principle
to it as such though.

Saturday -
March 6, 1943

Dear Dad and Mom -

I've won my numerals - only one hitch I need $5.50 to buy a light weight black sweater)

Thanks for letters, papers, money etc.

It was great that Greer won the academy award.

No news from here,

Love,
Nick

SENT TO DAVID, MARY, AND NICHOLAS

Sunday Morning, March 7th, 1943

Dear

The first week of March has gone by and the morning sun has come slowly up in an eastern gray sky of lead -- following a day that was full of a northeast blizzard that was more like January -- deep snow, and then at nightfall it started to rain. The streets became glazed -- several cars slid off Pequossette Road -- one on to the sidewalk down near Payson, and it took five or six neighbors helping to get the car rolling again on its way. John was in Swampscott for dinner and telephoned at ten that conditions were so bad that he was staying there for the night.

A strange contrast to just a year ago when it was so warm -- the papers called it a prelude to summer and the temperature hit sixty-five degrees. Out from the cellar came the lawn chairs and the photographs show Mary, Jim, David, and Bill Weisiger sipping their before dinner beverages and eating hors d'oeuvres. The only converting out there this noon will be done by snowballs and icicles. No warm seclusion by the rose trellises and the flower beds, where in a week or two the crocuses will be showing their green spears, but rather a day when, as the bard of Amesbury had it, you look through the window to see "the clothes-line posts like tall and shrouded ghosts -- to look upon a world unknown, on nothing we can call our own".

I believe a letter was despatched to you about a week ago, so if I give you the highlights for the intervening period you will have every bit of home news that is of any moment. Monday was the annual town election and naturally I was pleased to receive the highest complimentary vote of all. When casting my ballot, I suddenly saw Lizzie Rogers, checking at one of the tables -- it appeared she substituted for Mrs. Louie Jones and for her day's work at the polls was compensated ten dollars. Tuesday afternoon late, there was a meeting in Mr. Montague's office in the Tremont Building of the Executive Committee of the Vermont Association. He was just as precise and meticulous as ever and we spent an hour solemnly deciding whether there would be a maple sugar party, and if so, if we would serve cheese, and what would be worn, formal, informal, or optional. I was in a heavy perspiration when I made my escape to the Park Street Subway Station. That night John and Peter went into the Garden to the hockey game. Wednesday it was snowing again and just a work-a-day world, pretty much as the days

have been for thirty-two years -- but there was some relaxation trying to pick out the names of my 1891 classmates in the second grade at the Daniel Butler School in Waverley Village in an enlarged photostat I had made at Spaulding-Moss. Finally identified two-thirds of them. Not bad after the lapse of fifty-two years! Thursday was a meeting of the Trustees of the Belmont Public Library -- and a talkative ride home with Lord and Lady William M. Curtis, of the School Street Pharmacy Curtises. Friday will be remembered in history pricipally because of the delicious baked stuffed lobsters we had for dinner -- John having brought them out from Foley's Fish Market.

At noon I did miscellaneous shopping -- picked up at Allen Bros. on Cornhill the gavel made from a black walnut tree on Daniel Webster's birthplace at Franklin, New Hampshire. The tree was blown down in the hurricane of September 1938. I am going to present the gavel to the town at the Town Meeting tomorrow night. Bought various prophylatics and tinctures at Liggetts, an awl at Woolworth's, bath salts for your Mother at Filene's (dissolved in hot water, they scent the air of the entire second floor with "gardenia" or "lavender", depending upon which bag you dip into).

Yesterday was another Saturday with the home office building closed to conserve fuel oil -- and so ensconced at home, with the blizzard howling outside, and hanging a few pictures, the Hopkinson School Baseball Team of 1903, the Daniel Butler Class of 1891, and the Harvard 1908 Senior Picnic Cartoon, also put a lot of old time theatrical programs in a scrap book -- 1914 to 1921, including the one listing Kenneth Hill in the cast with Jane Cowl and Edna Bates (Mrs. Charles H. Innes) in "Honey Boy". Then I cleaned out the Den Closet. This is always a Spring Event and as always I found it jam - crammed full and turning up the most unexpected flotsam and jetsam, or you'd better call the loot, lares and penates. But this year no box of ancient eggs from Falmouth. Well, all this and up and down stairs, putting things where they belong, with desultory reading of papers, magazines, and books, used up the day. John, as I said before, was away in Swampscott, and, blizzard or no blizzard, Peter was out into the sleet and slush with three pals to go into the Garden to the Harvard-Yale Hockey Game. All of which brings us into Sunday morning and having enjoyed a nice breakfast of scrambled eggs and sausages, drafted this letter to you, I am now settling back on my pillow to read the Sunday Herald, which was unusually late in landing on the front door mat, due, of course, to the hard going for the delivery auto on the icy streets.

With Love,

JNB:BCC

Sunday, March 7th 1943

Woke up lectures around 6.30 and quite alert - busy from then on. Fanny brought up my breakfast at 8.30 - orange juice - corn flakes - scrambled eggs and griddle cake. sausages - roll - butter - iced coffee - busy all morning. the papers very late in arriving - icy roads - testing for 7 days - took an hour. At home at 11.20 - Downstairs - classical records - scotch highballs - Sirloin steak - Baked Shag - Spatti with cheese and corn flakes - strawberry shortcake + up stairs and read the Sunday papers from 3 o'clock on - Drafted a letter to Mary & David ~~this~~ this morning + At 5.15, out, and took a Brisk walk, down Pequosette, along Payson Road, around the Reservoir, Oakley Road, and back to the House. At 6 took a hot tub-Bath + Into bed at 6.20 + Frances made me a snack supper. Roast Beef Sandwich - Lettuce + Tomato, Mayonnaise Salad, Potato Soup, Milk, Grapefruit - At 7.45 - Peter ran off for me two reels of movies - his Baseball last spring and his football last fall. John left about 5.45 for the movies +

MARY NOW IN SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA -

Monday March 8th 1943

Breakfast was orange juice - Oatmeal - fried eggs + Bacon - toast - Butter - Iced Coffee - to the square with Frances and Peter, picking up Mrs. Tibbyat School St. Square. Left my Fob coat at Levandos to have it cleaned and pressed. Peter to the dentists - Subway. Office - Work - Peter in - on the way to the movies "Random Harvest" - at 11.30 To Lentini's for a hair-cut and a shampoo - Back to office - out to lunch at 12.30 with Jane. To Fitchfield's Sea Grill - Stuffed Roast Veal. Spinach - Orange - A Bit of Shopping - to Hunter's Hardware looking for a nut to go on rod of large Brass candle stick. No luck. to Duquoin Bros. 87 Sumner St - no luck. to Woolworth's - 4 white candles - to Liggett's Tube of Fugue Royale Shaving Cream. To Murphy - Stationer - Ellis #105 Scrap Book - Back to office - Work. left at 4.15 - Woolworth's Seven glasses for testing. Subway. Home - Up stairs and rested + cup of Tea - Dinner at 6.30 Hot Corned beef with Mustard - New Cabbage - Boiled Potato - Cream of Tartar Biscuit. Cut up Fruit. Further resting. At 7.45 took Taxi to Town Hall. Presented good made



BLACKINTON

Birthplace of Daniel Webster, Franklin, N. H.

Benton Presents Gavel

The meeting opened with an invocation by the Rev. Maurice W. Armstrong of Plymouth Congregational Church. Jay R. Benton, former attorney-general of Massachusetts and formerly Belmont town moderator for ten years, was then given a big hand as he came to the platform to present to Mr. Hall a moderator's gavel which a tree surgeon friend had had made from the wood of a black walnut tree which came down in the hurricane on the grounds of Daniel Webster's birthplace at Franklin, N. H. A similar gavel is in use in the New Hampshire house of representatives.

In accepting the gavel for the town, Mr. Hall recalled the service to Belmont of the donor and of the latter's father, the late Col. Everett C. Benton, and said he could visualize the day when one of Jay's sons could use the gavel as a moderator in the third generation. Mr. Hall also noted that two of those sons are already in the armed services, that a third is soon to go and that Mrs. Benton has given blood to the Red Cross three times and has not missed a Red Cross work day in three years. A rising vote of thanks for the gavel was called for by Amos L. Taylor.

The debate at times waxed acrimonious and Moderator Damon E. Hall more than once had to bang the lectern vigorously with his new "Daniel Webster" gavel, presented by former Moderator Jay R. Benton, to restore order.

TOWN OF BELMONT
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CHARLES R. BETTS

CHARLES B. WIGGIN
CLERK

March 10, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton,
3 Pequossette Road,
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Jay:

Your presentation of the gavel to the Town of Belmont for use of Moderators at our town meetings was indeed a splendid thing to do. With this gavel containing so much that is of historical significance in its relation to Daniel Webster makes it all the more somewhat of a gift to be cherished.

I trust, used with firmness and justice, it will keep some of our silver-tongued orators under control allowing just enough steam to escape that the town hall roof will not blow off.

Happy remembrances of the presentation.

As ever, Charles R Betts

Very sincerely yours,

Charles R. Betts,
Selectman.

CRB:AF

March 12, 1943

Selectman Charles R. Betts
Town Hall
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Charlie:

It was good of you to take the necessary time to drop me a line of appreciation for my presentation to the town meeting of the gavel made from a black walnut tree on Daniel Webster's birthplace at Franklin, New Hampshire.

I hope it will see for many years a continuance of the fine town government we have in Belmont, and to which in this era, you are giving such valuable personal assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

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March 10, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton,
3 Pequossette Road,
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Jay:

This little note is to express my personal appreciation for your presentation last Monday night. I think everybody enjoyed the way you presented to the Town of Belmont the gavel made from black walnut tree from the homestead of Daniel Webster.

I hope that in the future this gavel may be able to control town meetings that have a tendency to get out of hand.

Very sincerely yours,

Gilmore C. Dickey

Gilmore C. Dickey,
Chairman of Selectmen.

GCD:AF

March 15, 1943

Dr. Gilmore C. Dickey
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am glad you liked the idea of the presentation of the "Daniel Webster" gavel, and send you my thanks for your courteous and thoughtful note, accompanied by my appreciation of the grand public service you and your associates are rendering in these difficult days of war.

Sincerely yours,

JRB:BCC

of black walnut from Daniel Webster's birthplace at Franklin N.H. to the Town for use at Town Meetings - First time I had attended Town meeting since I retired as Moderator 3 years ago. Dalton Hall had some nice things to say. I stayed and listened to the proceedings until quarter of ten - when Jessie in a taxi, giving Hannah a lift to her residence on Slade St. To Bed at 10.15 - Radio -

Today Is Coldest March 9 Since Bureau Started

As if you hadn't noticed it, the weather bureau reports that today was the coldest March 9 in the bureau's records, which were started in 1871.

The official temperature in Boston was 8 degrees above zero, although in the suburbs the mercury flirted more closely with the zero mark, with readings of 2 and 4 above being reported in Newton and Wellesley, respectively.

Until today the coldest March 9 was in 1885, when the mercury dropped to nine degrees.

Today was also the coldest March day since 1938, when the March 1 reading was 7 degrees above zero.

Nicholas Wins His Numerals in Hockey at Exeter!

Tuesday, March 9th 1943

This was another cold day — Down for breakfast at the regular time - Escalloped Fillman Haddie - to the Square with Frances - and at the Payson Road car stop picking up Herb. Rogers - and a lady neighbor - Subway - office - at 10.30 came E. O'Ber Pride (Exeter) and Certified Public Accountant and giving him the figures and information for my Federal Income Tax Return for two hours - This the first time since it started in 1914 - that I haven't done the whole thing myself. At 12.45 to the Parker House. Knockers Club - Present Bayard Tuckerman, George Barnes, Jim. Brown, Eben Draper, Gerald Henderson, and Jarvis Hunt - Had Filled Cod Point Shirley Style - Spinach - Milk - Orange - Back to the office - Work. Real Estate Committee - left at 4.20. The liquor Hour - King William - Home all the Way in the Cars. Little dining Room. Scotch Highballs - Ate the Meal - to be with Frances & me at Dinner. Join into the hockey game - Had Corn Beef Hash. French Fried Onions. Carrots. Baked apple - to bed at 7.15 +


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NICHOLAS BENTON

Tuesday —
March 9, 1943

Dear Mom & Dad—

Well time flies by quickly and it won't be long now for me to go home for my spring vacation - very short from march 19 to the 30.

The big song hit around here is "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." It's a grand blues song. I believe "That Old Black Magic," which I spoke of before, is now on the "Hit Parade."

I saw "Arsenic and Old Lace" for the 3d time when the academy put it on last Saturday night.

The Dramatic officers went into conference last night to decide on the spring play. I don't know what it will be as yet.

Last Sunday night I saw the most wonderful movie called "Ski Patrol." It was filmed by John Jay (who has won an "Oscar" for the best work on 16 mm. film) Deborah Kerr spoke as the film was shown. She was great. She's a famous skier herself, and an instructor at Dartmouth and Un. of New Hampshire, I believe. She's ~~quite~~ very cute and athletic. The picture itself was amusing as well as instructive.

Love,
Nick

March 9, 1943

Dear family -

Here we are in Santa Maria and somewhat settled. Jane Baker and Helen Menges have taken a great big house together, and I am staying with them until I can move into our apartment on or about March 15th. It is O.K. to send mail there now, as Sally Page is there and will see that I get it. We were more than lucky to come ahead of the crowd as space is really at a premium in this town. Most of the 6th wives are going to Santa Barbara, which is 60 miles from camp. We are only 20 miles away and it looks as though the boys will get home every night.

The 212th doesn't arrive till the 16th from the desert, so we are passing our time as best as we can.

Santa Maria is a sweet town. It is in a green and lush valley and all the gardens bloom riotously. It is the rainy season at the moment, and as a result everything is so green - I have never seen such a bright green as on the nearby hills.

Sally + Ted Page have taken a house. They will have the upstairs apartment (2 rooms) and we will have the lower one (1 room). Sort of the same set up as we had in Palm Springs. It is very secluded there, the apartments are brand new and most attractive. As

before I have had to buy dishes, pots, pans, etc. but it doesn't matter so much as the rent is most reasonable. Also, food is much easier to obtain here. No meat lines, and seemingly plenty of butter. What a relief!

Before we left Palm Springs I had a really good TAN. Am losing it rapidly up here, though, and I hope the sun comes out soon.

This house of Jane's & Helen's is really grand, and we had the luck of the Irish in coming across it. Along Dale - but they got it & that was the important thing. This town is filled with women house-hunting and many of them have to take rotten places so we are all fortunate.

There is a fine hotel here

at which we stayed while we were hunting. The food there is delicious + believe it or not a Scotch highball is 35¢ - a price I haven't heard of since repeal!!

Wish you could all come to California for a visit. It is as fabulous as they say. Our trip up from Palm Springs was fun. We came in Jane Baker's car. We traveled the coast road from Los angeles to Santa Barbara + all enjoyed seeing the Pacific. It is a breath taking ride with mountains on one side + ocean on the other. At one point there are several oil companies working. They had derricks at the ends of piers running from 1/8 - 1/4 mile into the ocean. Quite a sight.

I am enjoying a breakfast

menu from the Santa Maria Inn. It is $1.00 and you can have everything on it, if you have room.

I'll write David as soon as I get really settled. I put his address someplace while packing & will have to find it.

When does John go back to Georgia? Hope you'll all write soon and tell us all the news of everyone.

We are both fine and so happy that we are to have more time together.

Love to all,

Mary

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March 10, 1943

Jay R. Benton, Esq.
Boston Mutual Fire Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

I am very pleased to have your letter of March 9th informing me of my election to the Knockers Club. Needless to say, I am delighted to accept membership and will look forward to the opportunity of associating with the members of this fine old club.

I hope that I shall be able to attend the luncheon next Tuesday. With my regards,

Yours sincerely,

Charles B Barnes

Latest Easter Since 1886

Cause Is Astronomical Condition Occurring but Once in 100 Years

Wednesday, March 10th 1943

Lent started today. My observation is not going to be as strict as it has been the last five or six years. I shall partake on week-ends. Orange juice - wheat germ. Scrambled eggs with Tomato - Toast. Butter - Iced Coffee - to the Square with Frances. Subway. Office - At 9.45 Came Frank Ball asking me to become a Director of the Arlington Gas Light Co. Working on Federal Income Tax Return 11 to 12. Out to lunch at 12.35 with Lane. Left 1904 "Peter" Peaü at Spaulding Moss to have photostats made. to Harris on Brownfield St. for 130 films. No luck. Across the street - to East Mass Kodaks. Got two - Walked way out Boylston St. to Harvard Polusson in Hotel Brunswick. Waited 20 minutes. No service. Went down to Childs. Chicken Loaf. String Beans. Iced Coffee. Grapefruit. Into Yamamakas to look at shade to replace the one busted in the Big Living Room. Bought some Candy for David at Fanny Farmer's - Back to the office - Work - left at 4.20. 7 covers for glasses at Woolworth's - Subway. Cars all the way home -

Lent Starts

CHICAGO, March 8 (AP)—The Christian world will begin observing on Wednesday the latest Lenten period of the 20th century because of an astronomical condition occurring but once in 100 years.

Maude Bennot, director of the Adler Planetarium and Astronomical Museum, said today that March 10 and April 25 are the latest possible dates in the calendar on which Ash Wednesday and Easter, respectively, may fall. The last time Easter was this late was in 1886; the next time will be in 2038.

"The peculiar rules for selecting Easter and Ash Wednesday were made in 325 A. D. at the council of Christian churches at Nicea in Asia Minor," Miss Bennot recalled. According to that decision Easter falls on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the moon falling on or after the vernal equinox (first day of Spring), which this year falls on March 21.

The reason for basing the selection of Easter on the dates of the moon was that in the early centuries of the Christian era the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel safely on their way to the great yearly Easter festivals.

Explaining the mathematics of Easter, Miss Bennot said the moon which comes after the vernal equinox this year begins on April 4. Fourteen days after that date is April 18, which happens to fall on a Sunday, and the next Sunday after that date is April 25, or Easter.

Once the Easter date is determined, Ash Wednesday is found by counting back 40 days—the length of Lent—not counting Sundays, thus bringing this year's date to March 10, Miss Bennot said.

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EASTER SUNDAY COMES April 25, latest since 1886.

Had a cup of tea. Upstairs and took it easy until dinner – Fish Chowder – Chicken Soufflé – Lettuce, Cucumbers + Tomato Salad. Orange Jelly – Milk – Up to bed at 7.10 +



At WDC Hearing—Natalie Hays Hammond, ousted head of the Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps, and her friend, Sybil Holmes, attend legislative hearing at the State House today . . . and hear J. Wells Farley, executive secretary of the state Committee on Public Safety, declare himself in favor of having his committee investigated. And at right . . .

International News Photos by Harry Simard

MAR. 10, '43

EXCERPTS FROM FARLEY'S REPLY TO MISS HAMMOND

Following are excerpts from the statement of J. W. Farley yesterday in reply to Natalie Hays Hammond's charges against the committee on public safety:

Now, gentlemen, a few words by way of clearing the record. I speak them with regret and I speak them for no personal reason, but I feel I must speak them because, wittingly or unwittingly, through malice or temperament, there has been an attack, and an unfounded attack, upon the whole organization of civilian defense. I have sat here for some hours listening with personal patience, but as the one responsible for the civilian defense organization with burning indignation to these attacks.

ATTACKS RESENTED

I cannot, however reluctant I may be to deal in any personalities, properly refrain from objecting to and contradicting some of these attacks.

It has been said we acted as if we were the Gestapo, but I am sure if you will reflect and look at the facts it will appear that not we, but one of our attackers, is the one who is pursuing the tactics of Hitler—of Goebbels and of Goering.

In a publication of the Office of Facts and Figures these tactics are summarized: "Mental confusion, indecisiveness and panic," says Hitler, "these are our weapons." Divide and conquer is the object of his ridicule.

"LOOK AT RECORD"

Let us look at the record: Based, as I will show shortly, solely on misstatements, misinterpretations and untruth. An effort has been made to create confusion and indecision, even panic, by exaggerated statements of threatened disruption regarding the Women's Defense Corps, now stronger than ever before. An effort has been made to ridicule, and an effort has been made to divide.

The tactics of Goebbels also have been used because, regardless of truth, false accusations—known to be false and shown to be false—are repeated again and again upon the Goebbels doctrine than enough repetition will cause anything to be believed.

The tactics of Goering because there was an attempt not to use uniform for its very proper and useful purpose but to add to these personal adornment and special privileges so as to build up the position of the former head of the Women's Defense Corps to one of special privilege; to carry a very useful basis of military discipline to a point where it became absurd, so that people at work, even the telephone operators, had to jump up when her majesty passed; so that she, on duty or off duty, was the only one entitled to wear field boots; so that she had her special parties, not at Berchtesgaden, but at that "simple, honest, country atmosphere of Gloucester." The people on the North Shore in the neighborhood of Gloucester well know the ingenuous accuracy of that statement.

"RULE OR RUIN"

Every means in Miss Hammond's statement of yesterday, as I will show in a few minutes, as well as in Miss Laughlin's statement which was the cause and the sole cause of the reply I was forced to make, show that, regardless of consequences, regardless of truth, she is undertaking to save the ego of a frustrated female by vicious personal attacks in revenge for being deprived of the opportunity to rule. She cannot longer rule, so she has done her best to ruin.

Constantly she accuses me of attacking or trying to injure the Women's Defense Corps. Nothing could be further from the truth. We regard them as a splendid body of women, well trained and self-sacrificing. We wish to do everything to make them even more effective. It was that wish and that purpose which led us among other things to remove Miss Hammond and to appoint one of the finest women I know, and one who is better able than any one else we could find, to carry on the Women's Defense Corps to higher standards — Miss Mary Ward.

Miss Hammond was suffering from the Hitler complex—a complex of field boots and favorites. Hitler, I am told, chooses his generals after consultation with the stars. Miss Hammond chose her favorite officers by some psychic or occult process beyond the comprehension of mere man.



AT STATE HOUSE HEARING—Col. Natalie Hays Hammond, left, and former Senator Sybil H. Holmes of Brookline, who spoke before the rules committee yesterday, urging legislative investigation of the Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps, and of Miss Hammond's dismissal as commandant of the corps.



FARLEY AND HIS SUPPORTERS at hearing on proposed legislative investigation of Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps. Left to right: Former Gov. Channing H. Cox, chairman of the Governor's executive committee on public safety; J. W. Farley, executive director; Maj.-Gen. Daniel Needham, chairman of the committee's protection division, and Maj. Mary H. Ward, new commandant of the Women's Defense Corps.

Thursday, March 11th 1943
Up at the regular time and breakfast of
escalloped Finnan Haddie. After
Orange juice and cream of wheat —
to the Square in Mrs. Paquette's car — Frances and
Mrs. Tibby - Subway - Office. Much warmer
today - Work. Came David T. Montague on
Vermont Association matters. Long distance
call from Exeter Alumni Secretary Miss Gertrude
Starks - Started working on copy for the Annual
Report. At it until 12.45 - Out to lunch alone -
Lane has a cold - to Pieroni's on Washington St.
Oyster Omelette. Sliced Tomatoes - Milk -
Orange. Shopping around for Air mail stickers -
2 Woolworth's - Ward's - finally got them at
Demerson's - Office. More work on annual Report.
Left at 4.20. Home all the way on the cars.
Weather very moderate. Hot cup of tea up stairs
and rested. Girls out. Frances cooking - John
not home. Played squash this afternoon and
staying for supper he said by his note. Peter
alone had dinner with us. Large Fried
Frankfurters + Sauerkraut. Gulden's Mustard.
Boiled Potato. Rye Bread. Cheese. Lettuce + tomato
salad. Milk. Apple Pan Dowdy. Went out
into the Big living Room to see if the windows
were locked. Discovered some one had written on

glass cutter - cut a circle in one of the panes in the left double window - Called the police. Sergeant and two men came up. They will try for finger prints tomorrow. To bed at 8 o'clock.

Perry Baldwin of the National Shawmut was in today to talk about Pi Eta Grada Night to be held on April 22nd.

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FEBRUARY



MARCH

March 11, 1943

To the Superintendents:

Starting Monday, March 15, you will be writing industrial applications for the last issue in the President's Campaign.

I would suggest that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent get together and formulate plans and make this last week a SPECIAL WEEK. Set your quota to write at least ten industrial applications, average per man, for the last week's writing of the Campaign.

Also, there are only about two weeks left to write ORDINARY. The majority of the districts are doing a splendid job in ordinary production. Keep up the good work! Go after every ordinary prospect from now until March 31, and make the LAST TWO WEEKS of this Campaign a howling success.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Woody

Supt. of Agencies.

NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
501 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON

GEORGE WILLARD SMITH
PRESIDENT

March 11, 1943

Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

As I have been away on a short business trip this is necessarily a tardy acknowledgment of the generous gift which your good company made to the Red Cross. I explained to Red Cross headquarters that it was your desire to have no publicity given to this contribution, and I understand that it will be referred to in any newspaper release as anonymous.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit with you and your associates in your Home Office, and your reaction to the Red Cross appeal has greatly helped my work and that of my committee.

Sincerely yours,

George Willard Smith

Chairman, Insurance Division

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear X.M.

MARCH 12, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad —

Yesterday morning, when I
woke I felt kind of funny
with a bad cold. It

5:30 A.M. First call

5:40 Reveille (at this time we have to "fall out" outside for "Roll-

6:30 Breakfast

7:30 Drill

8:30 March to the College (about a

9:00 Classes: Geography

9:50 Histo-

11:30 English

1:10 Math

2:00 Physics Lab.

4:00 March back to the

Supper

Supervised

Friday -

Dear Dad — MARCH 12, 1943

I can never thank you enough for the $5.50 for a light weight sweater at "Brooksies" size 38. It's a Knockout! Thanks ———

Not much news except I've been working exceptionally hard, and yesterday at an extra help class in French (I was the only one to show up), Mr. Kam said I had been doing grand work this marking period and I showed a great deal of enthusiasm. By the way the French Tests, that we got back last Tuesday. I got a C- in.

I've just crossed off

another day on my calander. It won't be long now when the old O.T.M. will be carrying me homeward.

Love,

Nick

Friday Morning, March 12, 1943

Mr. Nicholas Benton
Box 534
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

I was surprised to read in your note that your Spring Vacation starts on the 19th -- the weeks go by so rapidly.

The ice and snow are being washed away by the warm rains today and it really looks as though the winter of shivers, frozen radiators, chapped hands, and chattering teeth is about over.

To meet your monetary requirements for the calendar week coming up, I enclose one of Uncle Sam's Greenbacks -- worth Five Dollars.

Keep up the good work in your studies.

With Love,

JRB:BCC
Enclosure

March 12, 1943

Mr. Perry Baldwin
c/o National Shawmut Bank
40 Water Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Perry:

I spent quite a while last evening going through the latest Pi Eta Directory which was published in 1929. I covered the classes from 1903 to 1929, inclusive. I culled out these names which you can pass on to Don Whittemore, as suggestions for possible talent for the Grad's Night Show on April 22nd.

ARCHIBALD T. DAVISON, '06, former coach of the Harvard Glee Club and well known organist.
FLETCHER W. TAFT, '07, pepper box comedian.
LAMBERT MURPHY, '08, lives in Munsonville, N. H., former tenor Metropolitan Opera Company - teaches in Boston several times a month.
DR. LEWIS W. HILL, '10, magician - I saw him perform at his 25th and he was good.
JOHN S. PFEIL, '12
LLOYD G. DEL CASTILLO, '14, Program manager at W.E.E.I. Organist and plays the piano well.
PAUL BLACKMUR, '15, in the Army, may not be around here now.
ALDEN BRIGGS, '25
ALFRED H. STAFFORD, '26 - remember him in one of the Shows - a good magician.

There are undoubtedly a lot of talent in these classes that I wouldn't know about. I hope these suggestions will be helpful to the Grad's Night Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:B CC



BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

There will be a meeting of the

Board of Directors

Friday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Room 118, Parker House

M. D. Liming, Secretary

Directors
March 12, 1943

Meeting of the Board of Directors Friday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m., at the Parker House. Present: Directors Frank G. Allen, Thomas P. Beal, Jay R. Benton, William H. Best, Charles F. Dutch, T. C. Haffenreffer, H. Ainsley Highman, Irwin L. Moore, Philip Nichols, Henry Penn, William M. Rand, James M. Rothwell, Glenwood J. Sherrard, Joseph P. Spang, Jr., M. D. Liming, Secretary, Arthur S. Harris, Assistant Treasurer, and Charles E. Lee, Manager, Civic Bureau.

In the absence of President Nichols, Vice President Allen presided.

The record of the meeting held February 15, 1943, was approved.

Membership Matters

The Committee on Membership submitted the following reports:

(1) Recommending the acceptance of 6 applications for membership in the Chamber.

It was VOTED that the report be approved and that the applicants named therein be elected to membership in the Chamber subject to the usual ten days posting.

(2) Recommending the acceptance of 4 resignations from membership in the Chamber.

It was VOTED that the report be approved and that the resignations of the men named therein be accepted.

(3) Recommending that the resignations of 4 men be accepted as of a date prior to the termination of their membership year. An effort had been made to induce each to continue payment of dues to the end of his membership year, but it appeared that because of special circumstances none had been able to do so.

It was so VOTED.

Financial Statements

The following financial statements were submitted:

Monthly detailed statement showing appropriations, receipts and expenditures as of January 31, 1943
Condensed statement of net income and expenses for the month ending January 31, 1943
Condensed balance sheet as of January 31, 1943

It was VOTED that the statements enumerated above be received and placed on file.

Friday, March 12th 1943

Well, it turned out that the window wasn't cut by a glass cutter after all. John told us this morning that yesterday when he was putting up the window - a sash rope broke and the sash banged down breaking the glass. When Peter went down to get the car he found one of the tires flat. Dropped eggs & toast for breakfast. Raining a little - rubbers & umbrella. To town all the way on the cars. to Spaulding-Moss. But my 5 Exeter photostats were not ready. Office. Work. Sent out the Knockers Club postal card notices. At 12.30 to the Parker House - luncheon meeting of the board of directors of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Over at 1.50. Down Washington Street to Woolworth's - bought 5 frames for the photostats - writing paper and envelopes for Frances - a stick of small screw eyes and 7 glass casters. For lunch there was grape fruit and filet of sole. Back to the office - Work. Left at 4.15 - had a ride home in Moody's car. To the Copley Plaza to pick up Mrs. Moody and two of her friends. Bought the evening papers outside the New Old South Church and "Citizens" at Curtis Drugstore, Home. Hot cup of tea. Dinner at 6.30 Oysters on the half-shell. Broiled Halibut Steak - Stuffed Potatoes - Spinach. Fried egg. Toast. Tomato & lettuce salad. Milk. Orange Jelly. Upstairs at 7.

Saturday, March 13th 1943 X

Woke up early - and then at 5.45 started to read Diaries. Down stairs at 7 to the Refrigerator - Then came the "Herald". Started to hang the 5 Exeter Pictures in the Annex Hall. at 8.45 Came & ranged up my breakfast - Orange juice - Cream of wheat. Fried eggs & Bacon. Toast - Iced Coffee + Doug then read all morning - including measuring for new window Curtains in my bed room Up at 11.30 Shaved. Left at 12.10 in the Car with Frances. Picked up tire at Dyer Bros. Gore & Belmont Sts. to Harvard Square - Parked car Church Street Garage. to Bella Vista for lunch. Cherrystone Clams. Breaded Veal Cutlet. Teas. Ceci Beans — Iced Coffee. Scotch High Balls. To the University to see an outstanding - gripping movie. Noel Coward's "In Which We Serve" - Over at 4.40. To the Greeks for the Evening papers and to the Varsity Liquor Store. Home. Dinner - Roast - Ham. To Bed early. Bob. Brady of the "Post" Called up. John left at 10 today and was gone all day and home late at night - to Dunlaps at Swampscott again.

Saturday, March 13, 1943

Dear Dad,

Everything goes well,especially in French. It will not be long now before I will be coming home again and, too, time again for another report card. Ireally can not tell what I will get on account of the horrible report card last marking period. But,my work has been going much better and because of last term's marks I may flunk two. I guess those are my only problems--not so much I guess in this world, butit interests me--my goal, perhaps.

I've written to David several times as you suggested, but I'm not sure that he got all my letters because his address is always being changed. The same with Mary.

Thanks again for the usual greenback,and thanks, too, for the papers.

Today we had to write in class the usual "corny" theme For Mr. Crosbie entitled "Manners At Exeter."

Next Friday is the big day.

Love,

Nick

UNITED STATES ARMY

3rd. P.M.

March 13, 1945

Dear Mom & Dad ——

Haven't had mail yet but don't gather to send it in any other newspapers - mostly funnies and/or magazines.

Exception: Almost Approves
Easter & Parent Bulletins

Just don't have the time to peruse anything else and have to throw it away without a glance. Also I expect to have very much heavier duties soon which will leave me with even less time.

Everything is going well and I am healthy, more again.

Love to all,
Dave

March 13, 1943

Dear family -

If you want to sample something really delicious to eat, try this. Buy spare ribs, split but not separated. Dredge in seasoned flour + roast in high oven until nicely browned all over. Serve + eat with fingers. As you see, this is a family meal and is divine. Rice in any form is a good starch to go with it. It takes about an hour to cook + oh! my! Mama, I know, will enjoy them. Here's another good one to serve with fish. These are called "Corn Dodgers". Get some SALTED water boiling briskly in saucepan. Add yellow corn meal, stirring constantly, till the mass is quite solid. (Takes about a minute.) Set aside to cool +

firm. At meal time, shape into small round balls (about croquette size) and drop into deep hot fat and cook till brown. Serve immediately. These are swell, too, nice + crunchy outside, dryish + hot inside.

We have been doing some cooking up here. We can get meat, and it is a good way to amuse ourselves till the boys arrive next Tuesday. Jane Baker is an artist at hot breads, so we have a new variety at each meal.

Jim + I can't move into our apartment till Friday, so will stay at the Inn Tuesday, Wednesday + Thursday. This will be fun, as the Inn is a very nice place.

We'll go to the Chamber of Commerce on Monday to get some literature on Santa

Maria. It is a sweet, clean little town, and we are going to have such fun there.

Have bought birthday presents galore this week. Four birthdays coming up shortly. Where shall I send John's? I wrote Dave a long letter + mailed it to No. Carolina. That was just before I learned his new address. Expect he'll get it some time.

Will write next week again. Probably after I see Jim, so there'll be more news.

With much love,

Mary

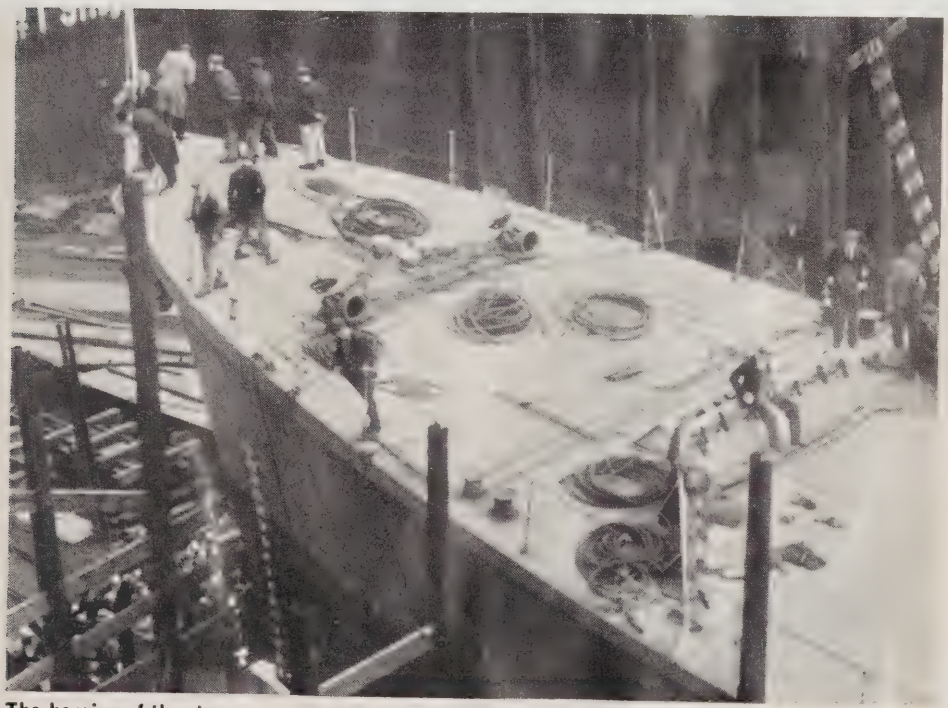
Saturday,
March 13, '43

In Which We Serve

Noel Coward's epic sea drama

Forgetting his bedroom and balcony comedies, versatile Noel Coward has returned to the documentary storytelling of his early movie *Cavalcade* and has produced, written, directed, composed and acted in one of the greatest war films yet to appear. *In Which We Serve* is the epic story of the Royal Navy at war. The heroine of the film is a British destroyer—H.M.S. *Torrin* (fictional counterpart of Lord Mountbatten's famed *Kelly*). From the laying of her keel to her bombing in the Battle of Crete three years later, the ship's life and the lives of her men and their women at home make up this dramatic story.

In the film are some of the finest battle scenes which have ever been recreated. More than depicting thrilling naval engagements, *In Which We Serve* tells with understatement and simplicity of all Britain at war through the flashback thoughts of a philosophizing chief petty officer, a seaman who meets a girl on a train and marries her, and the captain who wants "a happy ship." The title of *In Which We Serve* is from the prayer which captains of British warships read to their men: ". . . receive into Thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy Servants and the fleet in which we serve."



The heroine of the story, H. M. S. *Torrin,* is introduced in an English shipyard. Here to the noisy accompaniment of riveting and clanging steel plates she grows from a keel to a British man-o'-war.



Ready for action, the destroyer *Torrin,* commissioned in 1939, heads for sea. Because of war, she had prepared for sea duty in three days instead of the usual three weeks.



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During the Battle of Crete, wave after wave of large German bombers attack the *Torrin.* Diving close to the crow's nest this attacking plane exposes itself to fire of ack-ack guns.



On the compass platform Captain "D" (Noel Coward) and his officers, protected from the attack only by their steel helmets, duck down as machine-gun bullets strafe the deck of the ship.



Making a direct hit, a Nazi bomb falls and explodes on the *Torrin* just below the compass platform. A studio-built "destroyer" 200 ft. long was used for many of the shots in the film.



A torpedo from an enemy submarine rushes silently through the black choppy sea toward the steel plates of the *Torrin.* A large tank in the studio was used for the close-up water shots.



Badly bombed and torpedoed the valiant *Torrin*, now on fire, begins to heel over. The studio ship used for this scene was rocked by compressed-air cylinders, and could heel over to 15°.



"Abandon ship" is ordered by the ship's captain after the bombing, and crew of the *Torrin*, dressed in summer uniforms and wearing life belts, begin to jump over the side of the ship.



Home for Christmas with his family, the philosophizing chief petty officer (Bernard Miles) stands up at the head of the table and proposes a toast to H. M. S. *Torrin.*



Surviving officers and men swim through the oily waters to a rubber raft. After hours in the water under constant fire from enemy planes, they are rescued by a sister destroyer. The captain (Noel Coward), his eyes closed, fights exhaustion (*lower right*).

Youngest member of the crew is rescued along with the captain but soon dies. Dishonorably leaving his post during an earlier battle, the boy has this time shown that he is a good sailor. Captain "D" consoles him as the young boy tries to talk through his pain.





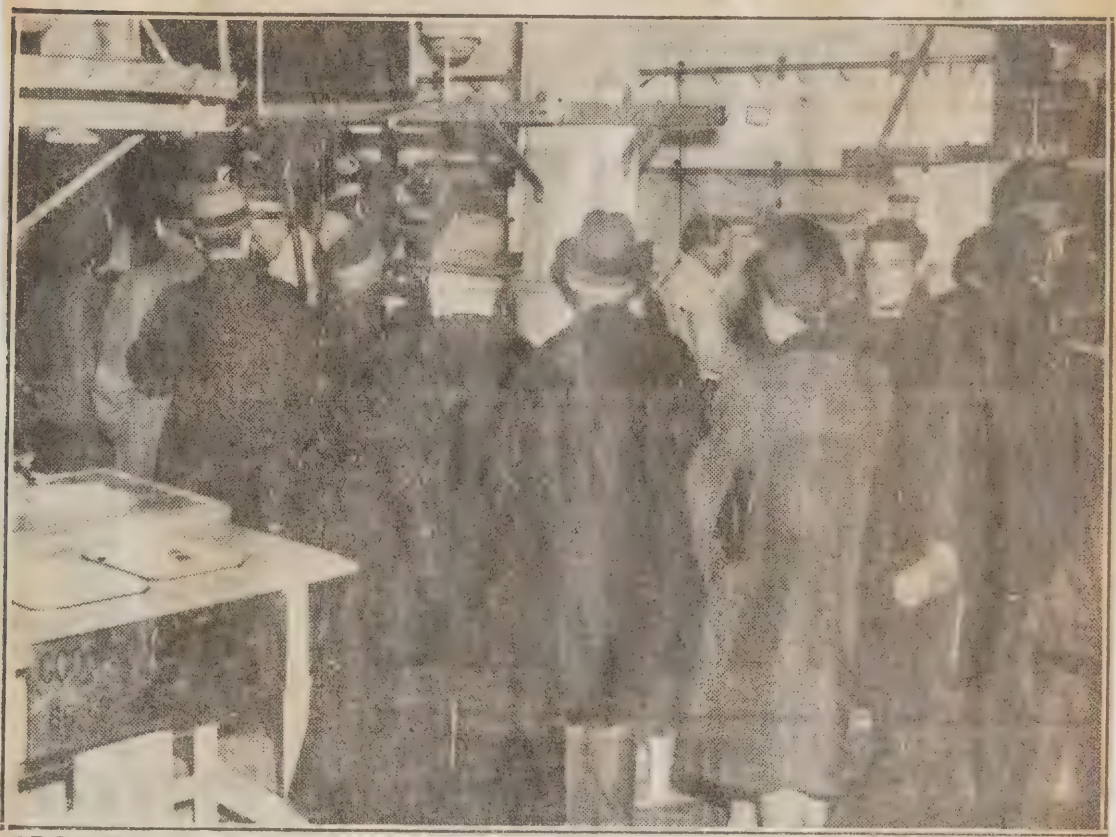
While on leave Ordinary Seaman Shorty Blake (John Mills) meets the girl sitting next to him on the train. He marries her and later their child is born during a blitz.



A picnic in the country is shared by the captain and his family while the *Torrin* is back in port for repairs. The quiet day is interrupted by a dogfight over the Channel.

Saturday, March 13, 1943

Meat Rush at Faneuil Hall



CROWDS of "panic buyers" shown stampeding the stalls in Boston's "Cradle of Liberty," yesterday, seeking to purchase roasts for Sunday dinners. The "meat line" developed after early morning buyers had practically cleaned up the then available supply.

International News Photo by Ed Stephan



CROWDS ALMOST SWAMP INCOME TAX OFFICES IN FEDERAL BLDG. HERE TODAY

Washington Expects 45,000,000 Returns from All Over the Country



JOHN FRANCES

SUNDAY- NOON-
MARCH 14, 43

SENT TO DAVID, MARY, AND NICHOLAS

Sunday Evening, March 21, 1943

Dear

This writing finds me comfortably in bed after a hot tub bath with all the papers read and an opportunity to write you of what has happened at home the past seven days — a period that passed rapidly and with hardly a ripple to stir the stream of daily life.

On the way to town Monday, I stopped in at Lowandes to leave my top coat to be cleansed and pressed. Peter has been wearing it to school off and on so that it was as badly wrinkled and soiled as though an Eskimo had been sitting on it all winter in an igloo. In the evening went to town meeting for the first time in three years and at the opening presented the gavel from Daniel Webster's Birthplace. The next day was made interesting by the news that Nicholas had won his numerals at Exeter in hockey — made uninteresting by two hours' work with a certified public accountant raking out my Federal Income Tax. To the "Knockers" Club for lunch. Wednesday was just a work day and the starting of Lent. Thursday spent most of the day drafting the Annual Report of the Boston Mutual. After dinner, went out into the Big Living Room to see that all the windows were locked. Discovered that one of the panes next to the latch had been cut in a circle by a glass cutter. Called up the police, they came up, looked it over and are coming back in the morning to take finger prints. Friday - they did not come up to take finger prints because John told us at breakfast that yesterday when he was putting up the window, the sash cord broke, the window crashed down and the pane cracked in a circle. The name of the piece is "Life With Father". Peter went down to get the car and found we had a "flat". At noon had a luncheon meeting of the directors of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday was another day off. At noon your Mother and I went down to the Bella Vista for lunch and then to the University to see Noel Coward's picture "In Which We Serve", which was stupendous, gripping, and unforgettable.

Today while not overly warm, still it was pleasant in the sun and the middle of the day found us out on the stoop by the West Lawn and the boys brought a couple of the chairs and the larger round table up out of the cellar. Your Mother made a plate of tomato canapes with mayonnaise. We poked some of the winter leaves off the green spears of the crocuses, smoked Chesterfields, drank assorted beverages and all in all it was good once again to get outdoors. Louise being in New York for two weeks for a visit with Pat, your Mother invited Judy and Robin over for dinner and what a time they had. Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, and Ice Cream -- plates piled high and back for more.

Here I am with my news letter finished, my papers all read, and with nothing to do -- the round clock on the bedside table ticks away to quarter of eight -- which means an hour and three quarters to Fred Allen's broadcast, which is about my favorite. Always several hearty laughs in his half hour.

Your Mother was just down the hall to say good night and so asked me to include her love with mine, which I now do.

With Love From Us Both,

JHB:BCC

SHOPS OFFER LITTLE FOR SUNDAY DINNER

While father worried about the first quarterly payment on his income tax, mother was worried about Sunday's dinner in Boston yesterday. Markets had little to offer in meat lines, and fresh vegetables were snapped up as soon as they appeared on counters.

Butter apparently was a thing of the past, with grocers ruefully shaking their heads in the negative as milady put the question. In explaining the lack of butter, many retailers were of the opinion that the commodity had been frozen, but OPA stated "No."

It was believed in some quarters that wholesalers were purposely allowing this rumor to take effect, in the meantime holding on to what butter they had, hoping for a price increase before rationing begins.

String beans, wax beans, carrots, were few and far between as frantic housewives marched from one market to another. In some quarters seed potatoes were being sold for consumption, but if purchased in any quantity would soon sprout in the pantry or cellar.

In an effort to beat the meat shortage, numerous women had put in their orders early in the week, usually giving three or four choices and hoping against hope that one or the other would be available.

Beef in all forms was a non-entity. Even hamburg disappeared early. Lamb, pork and liver were rarities and many housewives settled for frankforts, sausage and bologna.

Sunday, March 14th 1943

Woke up early but turned over and went to sleep again to 7.30. France came down for a snuggle. For the first time in a long time - the Sunday papers did not come late - today they arrived before 8.30. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.45 - Orange juice - cornflakes - Scrambled eggs & sausages - strip of Bacon - Toast - Butter - Iced Coffee. Read some of the papers. Up at ten o'clock and did seven days testing. Took me an hour - Downstairs at noon and it was such a pleasant day, that we sat out on the stoop in the West Lawn - Brought a couple of the chairs and the larger round table out out of the cellar - at 1 Celia Judy and Robin for dinner - Louise is visiting Pat in New York for a couple of weeks. For dinner a very good roast beef - Yorkshire pudding - Macaroni & Cheese - Roast Potato - Orange Jelly. Up stairs to rest and told the boys a "Rancid Bass" story. At 6 a hot tub bath

Monday, March 15th 1943

This was Federal Income Tax with the burden stepped up tremendously on account of the war. Peter started Spring Base ball practice at Browne & Nichols today. Fried eggs & Bacon for breakfast. to the Square with Frances - Once again giving Mrs. Libby a lift. Subway - Office - Work - out at 12.15 with Jane - Deposit at the Bank. Mailed Federal Return at the Postoffice. left film at Harris on Bromfield St. Walked out Boylston St to Child's. Boiled Beef - Horse radish Sauce. Smothered onions - Milk - Tangerines - On the Way Back into R. H. White's - ordered 3 curtains for my bed-room - Office - Work. Annual report - Left at 4.45 - to Old South - News Reels for 45 minutes - Park St. Subway to Copley Square. Algonquin Club - Beacon Saidy. Good Time. Started home with C. Pelham. Walked down the street a bit with Charles Francis Adams - Ran into Bancroft Beatley, President of Simmons College - who gave me a ride home. To Bed a little after 11.

March 15, 1943

Belmont Citizen
72 Trapelo Road
Belmont, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed my check for $1.25 for six months' subscription to start this week and to be mailed to:

Private David Benton
22nd College Training Detachment
Canisius College
2001 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

Yours very truly,

Gary R. Benton

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'Twas Ever Thus on March 15



By a Staff Photographer

Last-Day Taxpayers

The final day for paying Federal income taxes dawned with scores of persons already in line waiting for the cashier's window to open at the Federal Building, Boston. By mid-morning the line looked like this. It is all the result, of course, of the fact that some 19,000,000 more Americans are paying income taxes this year than last.

March 15, 1943

Dear Mother + Daddy -

Here is all I could get from the Chamber of Commerce about Santa Maria.

Tomorrow, I move to the Inn until Friday morning. The girls have been swell, taking me in till our apartment is ready, but it will be fun to get into the Inn + have some privacy and get myself collected.

Went to the dentist today — a Dr. Andrews, no less. He is a good dentist all right, but not like Dr. Andrews at home. Have to go again next Monday. He only fixed one tooth today as he is quite busy.

Not much more news now. I have received all the mail, including the Palm Springs mail which they

forwarded to me here.

Darn it! Just as we hit a town with meat, they have to go and ration it. It is going to be very interesting, though, to see what I can do with 2 lbs. a week for both of us. Jim has no ration books, you know. He'll try to get them up here, though, as he'll eat 2 meals a day at home + more on weekends.

The weather is lovely here, but much cooler than in Palm Springs.

Will write soon again.

Love to all,

Mary

February 3, 1943

Dear Mom --

Here is the voice from the wilderness finally. I have tried to write but everything has been against it. I am really sorry and I apologize.

Your nice warm pajamas have been a blessing. The only trouble is that while they are being washed I freeze to death. I haven't had much time or the occasion to use the soap yet - it will have to get warmer - but the cigarets are all gone. Thanks Mrs. Benton for me and I thank you both.

It has been fun reading all the nice long letters from the Bentons. I am look forward each time I get to Palm Springs to reading them and of course many just lives for them.

Last week end we had a huge party or that is we attended one given by some newly weds. Practically all the officers in the Building were there and we all got very met intimately. But it was almost nice to make up with a hangover. It sure reminded me of old times - smoke, laughter, everyone talking and

no one listening — a slight flurry of excitement when Mary momentarily misplaced her ring and everyone with families heads the next day.

We are now eating class B rations which consist of canned food entirely — Spam, Vienna sausage, Chili, beans, milk, no butter, no bread and all tinned. We have to run for 1/2 hour every a.m. and that plus the food is reducing to say the least.

Our next move in March is to Camp Cook in San Luis Obispo near Santa Barbara. From there it is a question mark. Life had a picture of our guns last week and we now have our full supply of them for the first time. We cleaned up our new ones today. On the 15th of this month we go on maneuvers and since we have to stay in camp next week end I don't know when we'll see Mary again. Probably not for a month, a grim future.

We have schools every night which are boring as heck and a nuisance to everyone. Our new Colonel is disliked and everyone tries to catch him on things. Finally he said one night, "My God aren't I ever right." and dismissed the school. He is only 33 and a dog.

Sunday March 6, 43

Dear mom –

Here I am again after being interrupted I have saved part of a letter to show you that my heart was in the right place.

We are now back from maneuvers. Our weary eyes finally spied our beautiful tents on Friday – what a luxury it is to be in base camp.

The move to Camp Coolidge is to take place the 15th and 16th for wood barracks are in store. Wow! to have a roof over our heads once again. Many is in Santa Maria now looking for a house. I snuck in to Palm Springs last week end. I didn't see Mary for I was late meeting the Col. said O.K. if you can get transportation of your own. Major Wenger and I grabbed a jeep at 4 on Sat. ate dinner in Banning 60 miles and guzzled the Colonel's command car and drove the 100 or so miles to Palm Springs

We got there shortly after 12 midnight. Ray was in bed and after the first knock on the door she got the key to open. As number 1 and 2 were occupied we were put in a 3 bed room with toilet and shower and clothes that stood up when it took them off. After our meal there in the kitchen we sat up for a while never talking about what was up & was planning. It was such a wonderful thought. We left Pete sitting at the door. As I lay down to sleep the second time.

Memories were dust and the realities so far as food and water were concerned. The day before and since are really miracles. We had four days of rain this past week and the dry dust became mud and mushy so much so that trucks were mired and stuck and turned to quicksand. It will be a great relief to leave here. Hard, unmerciful and more hard and more mountains. The sun all day and the mountains like your heart get

RECEIVED MARCH 15, 1941



JIM

on the news from home. I sure would like to get back just once more and stroll 'round Ivy. Time flies out here but still it has plenty of emptiness in it.

The war news seems to be good but the home news is terrible. Richard ought to be shot and Nelson should be removed and locked also. It's a crime the way they have ruined this town. Here I was running 40 - 50 - 100 acre farms all by themselves - their father and myself during the summer like a person. Now these farms are not working and the families are destitute. Just it is here in the high explosive note many the wages. Farms are required to produce so many crops and it drains out the white people. I'd love more than field work. Yes, I must do, am suffering - yet the work must be done somehow. Cannot finish, as expecting letters they have been stored so long - yet the envelope gets only a couple of days. The whole thing is a mess from start to

work

do. Lin

Love

Lucy

no means. I to motoring has distances are
diminished.

The weather here is really nice now.
I hope it is warming up a little for you
in the East. I have never heard of such cold
weather before.

I have a letter here from the Board
of the War Dept. saying that the bonds
issued to Plymouth Rd had been sent
to the War Dept. with the notation 'Unused' on
them. The bonds are in Mary's name and
the only way I can be sure of their getting
there is to send them to Plymouth Rd so
we must do much. Could you accept them
and either send them to Mary or hold on
to them? I cannot we need never get them
because it takes so long for a change
of address to go through and they would be sent
back here.

Many cares out the letter for
me so I am kept pretty busy with Doctor

finish and get [illegible] how to [illegible] and to contrast interest of [illegible] without bourbon. It's a sickening mess and if the Republicans can't make it in it they ought to quit.

The govt is also squeezing the wool market. We have gotten some pretty bad reports, and in most cases they involved the higher ups. I sure hope that we won't have a bloody war, but it sure looks like it.

Here I go rattling on but it's not serious, so unnecessary. It's a gigantic task I know but we supposedly have some able men.

I hope Dave gets into the branch he wants because that will enable him to do his stuff.

With warmer weather things should be much brighter at home. I must look [illegible] awful for everyone.

Give my heart to all the boys and to Mr. Hatton. I don't suppose he'd like me to send mine setting there like lepers here pining away. Jack in the pulpit will be able to sing in three and four parts. I can't see the joy they must feel here.

We both would like to get back and on the job. I am sure we are in for a hot time when the boys again meeting Rev. Shaw here and Mary Ann Rose.

I did not bother about writing and I apologize for not doing so sooner. Write me and take pen again.

Love

Jim



CHANGE OF DATE

THE NEXT MEETING
of the Beacon Society will be held at the
Algonquin Club, Monday evening
March 15, 1943

Reception at 6:00 o'clock

The Guest and Speaker will be

MAURICE HINDUS

Foreign correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune
whose subject will be

"WHAT I SAW IN RUSSIA"

THE
387TH
MEETING
MARCH
15TH, 1943

Mr. Hindus has only just returned to America from Russia, where he has been since March, 1942. He is a dynamic speaker, author of many interesting books, and is regarded as one of the keenest of contemporary war analysts. Born in Russia and educated in Russia and the United States, he has become recognized as an outstanding authority on Russia, her people, and her problems.

Since Mr. Hindus has a fund of first-hand information on the present great Russian Drive, this last meeting of the Beacon Society should be one of our most interesting.

Will you please return reply by Thursday, March 11, and notify the Algonquin Club not later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday if there is any change in your plans.

Everett S. Litchfield, Secretary

March 3, 1943

THE THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH

MONTHLY MEETING

OF

THE BEACON SOCIETY OF BOSTON

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH FIFTEENTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

The Guest and Speaker

will be

Maurice Hindus

whose subject will be

"What I Saw In Russia"

MENU

Cocktails
Martini & Manhattan

ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES

OYSTERS MIGNONETTE

QUEEN OLIVES SALTED NUTS CELERY

Amontillado
Duff Gordon

CLEAR GREEN TURTLE AU MADERE

Cabernet
Inglenook 1936

ROAST SADDLE OF LAMB, MINT JELLY
NEW STRING BEANS
POTATOES DELMONICO

SALAD A LA ELBERT

SWISS CHEESE SOUFFLEE

VANILLA ICE, HOT CHERRY SAUCE

PETIT FOURS

COFFEE

Celebrates Thirtieth Anniversary



JOHN PINO, who operates the oldest barber shop in Belmont, celebrates his 30th year in business next Monday. Shown above in his Belmont Center shop are his two assistants, both of whom are nearly as well known to hundreds of Belmont men, women and children as is Mr. Pino.

Shown on the left is Frank Mirabile, who has held No. 3 chair for 15 years, and Henry Mailhot (center) who has been with Mr. Pino for 21 years. Mr. Pino (right) has performed tonsorial work on three generations of Belmontians in his shop.

WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

30 Church Street, Belmont, Mass.

JAMES R. LOGAN, President
JAY R. BENTON, Vice-President
WALTER E. BORIGHT, Treasurer

March 1, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
160 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton,

As there is a Town Meeting on our usual night for Directors meeting on March 8th. it is probable that there will not be a quorom present.

We will therefore adjourn the meeting until the following Monday, March 15th. at 8 P.M.

Very truly yours,

Waverley Co-operative Bank

W. E. Boright

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W. E. Boright, Treasurer

1384 CANTON AVENUE
MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File
Received - Benton
MAR 15 1943
Attended to viz:

Dear Jay

Very sorry. Could be in Chicago Tuesday, so unable to welcome Charlie Banner to the Knockers. He is a great and good egg. Please give him my regards.

With a big foot salute to Frankie & Ellie

Yours truly

John Thayer

30 Lincoln Street
Watertown, Massachusetts

March 15, 1943

Mr. J. R. Benton
President of Boston Life Insurance Company
160 Cong ress Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay;

I feel a sort of interest in Old Home Sunday in Guildhall. I have had to do with it so long I may try it again.

I talked with you, as you remember, suggesting that you deliver the address on that day. I am writing now to put it in the form of a request which I hope you will assent to.

I would then write to Mrs. Harley Hall and she would see that proper arrangements are made. Usually the day is the third Sunday in August. I hope to see you then on the platform in the old church.

I am cordially yours,

Wm Eldredge Cook



SUNDAY MORNING ON TREMONT STREET — 1869

PARKER HOUSE

School and Tremont Streets, Boston, Mass.

Knickers Club

OYSTERS, CLAMS AND SEAFOOD

Cape Oysters 45	Baked Oysters a la Parker 80

Lobster Cocktail 1.00 — Cherrystone Clams 45 — Stuffed Tomato Nelson 60
Clam Juice Cocktail 25 — Assorted Seafood Cocktail 90
Fresh Shrimp Cocktail 75 — Little Neck Clams 40 — Cocktail Sauce 05

RELISHES

Canape of Domestic Caviar per Person 75 — Iced Celery 40, Stuffed 60
Imported Antipasto 1.00 — Fruit Cocktail 65 — Radishes 20
Domestic Caviar p. p. 1.25 — Hors d'Œuvres p. p. 1.00
Bismark Herring 90 — Ripe Olives 25 — Queen Olives 30

SOUPS

Philadelphia Pepper Pot 50, Cup 30 — Consomme Printaniere Cup 30

Oyster Stew with Milk 65, Half Cream 80, in Chafing 1.00

FISH

Broiled Boned Fresh Shad and Roe with Bacon and French Fried Potatoes 1.85

★Broiled Mackerel with Lemon Butter and Saute Potatoes 90
Baked Fresh Rock Cod, Point Shirley Style with Parsley Potato 85
Fried Cape Scallops with Tartar Sauce and Allumette Potatoes 1.50
Broiled Chicken Halibut Steak with Chive Butter and Baked Potato 1.25
Escalloped Cape Oysters au Gratin with Tomato Salad 1.10
Broiled Striped Bass with Lemon Butter and French Fried Potatoes 1.25
★★BROILED PARKER HOUSE SCHROD WITH PARSLEY BUTTER OR CHEESE SAUCE 85
Broiled Live Chicken Lobster 1.75

ENTREES

★Broiled Old Fashion Hamburg Steak with Green Pepper Sauce and Mashed Potatoes 1.25
★Creamed Sugar Cured Ham and Macaroni au Gratin 1.00
★Omelette with Fresh Lamb Kidney Saute, Fine Herbs 95
Fresh Chicken Livers Saute, Hunter Style on Turban of Rice 1.00
Broiled Spring Lamb Chop, Mixed Grill 1.45
Grenadin of Beef Tenderloin, Saute Fermiere 1.85
Broiled Fresh Calf's Liver with Bacon and Baked Potato 1.35
French Pancakes with Glaced Orange in Chafing Dish 1.25
★★BROILED FRESH HONEYCOMB TRIPE A LA PARKER 1.00

ROAST

★★Parker House Prime Ribs of Beef with Its Juice and Baked Potato 1.75

COLD DISHES

Sliced Chicken 1.45 — Roast Lamb, Mint Jelly 1.10 — Assorted Cold Cuts 1.15
Boiled Fresh Salmon 1.00 — Boned Galantine of Capon 1.35 — Boiled Ham 1.00
Ribs of Prime Beef 1.40 — Smoked Beef Tongue 1.10
Pressed Corned Beef 90 — Imported Pate de Foie Gras 1.50
Potato Salad Served with all Cold Meats

★Ready Dishes
★★Famous at THE PARKER HOUSE for over 80 years.
5c added on Room Service Items up to 50c, 10c thereafter.

The management of this hotel assures its patrons that all foods served here are bought from reputable sources at ceiling prices. We will not tolerate any dealings with Black Markets.

Tuesday, March 16, 1943

VEGETABLES

Hubbard Squash 35 — French Fried Onions 35 — Buttered Young Carrots 30
String Beans 40 — Spinach 35, Creamed 40
Boiled Onions 30 — Cauliflower 40, au Gratin 50
Broccoli Milanaise or Polonaise 75

POTATOES

Boiled, each 15 — Hash Browned 25 — Delmonico 35 — Baked Maine 20
French Fried 25 — Julienne 25 — Hashed in Cream 25
Mashed 25 — Lyonnaise 30 — Fried Sweet 30 — Saute 25
Candied Sweet 35 — Allumette 25 — O'Brien 35

SALADS

Parker House Chef's Salad Bowl with Julienne of Ham 90

Chicken 1.25 — Fresh Shrimp 1.00 — Lobster 1.75 — Lettuce 50 — Waldorf 80
Combination 75 — Romaine or Escarole 65 — Potato 50 — Chiffonade 90
New Beet 50 — Fresh Fruit 90 — Tomato 65

DRESSINGS

Thousand Island — Russian — French — Mayonnaise
Roquefort 10 — Supremaise Non-Fattening 10

DESSERTS

Parker House Apple Pie 25 — Squash Pie 25 — Chocolate Eclair 25
Cottage Pudding, Wine Sauce 25 — Brownies 25 — Vanilla Eclair 25
Fruit Jello, Whipped Cream 20 — Cup Custard 25

PARKER HOUSE ICE CREAM

Fresh Apple 25 — Cherry 25 — Frozen Pudding 35
Lemon Sherbet 25 — Orange Sherbet 25 — Vanilla 25
Brown Bread 25 — Chocolate 25 — Strawberry 25 — Coffee 25
Only Half Portion of Ice Cream Served

FRESH FRUITS

FRESH STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM 45

Apple Sauce 20 — Pear 20 — Fresh Apple 20
Baked Apple 25, with Cream 35 — Fresh Pineapple 35 — Grapefruit Half 30

OLD FASHION FRESH STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE 50

CHEESE (with Toasted Crackers)

Camembert 35 — Chef's 35 — Roquefort 45
Daisy Cooper 35 — American 25
Cream 25 — Liederkranz 35 — Swiss 35
Hot Cheese Croquettes 35 — Cream Cheese and Bar Le Duc Jelly 60

BEVERAGES

Hot Chocolate, Pot 25 — Chocolate Milk 15 — Demi Tasse 10
Buttermilk, Bottle 15 — Ovaltine, Pot 25
Milk, Half Pint 15 — Tea, Pot 25
Pot of Coffee 20

Due to rationing of coffee we are obliged to limit our patrons to one serving per Person.

Bread and Butter or Parker House Rolls 15c per Person

PARKER HOUSE ROLLS originated at THE PARKER HOUSE
are Served from 12 M. to 2:30 P. M. and 6 to 8 P. M.

Massachusetts Old Age Tax 5%

Sunday Morning on Tremont Street

In this colorful scene the artist has caught the crisp clearness of winter and the tranquil atmosphere of Boston in 1869. Prominent in the foreground is "Brimstone Corner" at Park and Tremont Streets, with historic Park Street Church the center of the brilliant composition. The "Old Granary" burying ground, still a Boston landmark, is visible adjacent to the church, and in the rear stands the old Tremont House, which faced the original Parker House and with it shared international fame as the finest hostelries in the world. "Brimstone Corner" was so called because brimstone for making gunpowder was stored in the church during the War of 1812 and the "Old Granary" burying ground derives its name from the fact that on its site once stood the town granary.

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From original painting by E. E. Anthony

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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF BOSTON
THE MERCHANTS CLUB

March 5, 1943.

The Annual Meeting and the last regular meeting of the season will be held at the Algonquin Club

Tuesday Evening, March 16th,

at 6:30 o'clock.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 o'clock.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Wallace Rankin Deuel who is said to know more about Adolph Hitler and what is really going on inside Nazi dominated Europe than any other man on this side of the Atlantic.

Deuel was covering Berlin for the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service during the beginning of Hitler's rise to power and he stayed there until December 1940, when the outlines of the Nazi's plans for world domination had become clear.

He was in the midst of the carnage that followed — writing unforgettable eye-witness accounts of the Nazi sweep through Holland, Belgium, and Northern France on to Dunkirk.

Deuel says that the most dramatic episode he witnessed during the 15 months of war he witnessed from the German side, was not the fall of Dunkirk but the burning of Warsaw. The most significant, he feels, was the Munich Conference where Chamberlain thought he had guaranteed "peace for our time."

We think that you will be interested in hearing how Deuel believes Germany can be beaten.

As this is the Annual Meeting, a brief business meeting will be held immediately after the dinner to take action on the following matters:

1. *To receive the report of the Nominating Committee.*
2. *To elect officers and an Executive Committee for the ensuing year.*

President Edward Dana will preside.

For the duration, Dress optional.

The guest charge is $7.50.

An early reply on the enclosed postal card will be appreciated.

Often our dinners are delayed because members come who have not given us notice. Please telephone the Algonquin Club, COMmonwealth 2400 before 5:00 o'clock on the afternoon of the dinner of any change in your plans.

By order of the President,

Stoughton Bell,
Secretary.



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Menu

COCKTAILS
MARTINI & MANHATTAN

ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES

COTUIT OYSTER COCKTAIL

QUEEN OLIVES SALTED NUTS CELERY

BEAULIEU,
JOHANNISBERGER RIESLING

CLEAR GREEN TURTLE SOUP AU MADERA

VALDIVIESO CHAMPAGNE,
BRUT

BREAST OF CHICKEN EPICURIENNE
NEW GREEN PEAS
POTATOES BRABANT

PALM BEACH SALAD
CHEESE CROQUETTE

RASPBERRY SHERBET
PETIT FOURS

GREEN MINT FRAPPE

COFFEE

ROMEO & JULIET-PERFECTOS

LA CORONA-BELVEDERES

ASSORTED CIGARETTES

March 16, 1943

Guest Speaker

MR. WALLACE DEUEL

Algonquin Club

TUESDAY, MARCH SIXTEENTH

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Three

Tuesday —
March 16, 1943

Dear Mom —

Thanks for your letters. I'm kind of homesick (always am) and I'm glad a vacation is coming - starting Friday.

I hope you will be able to get some Roast Beef while I'm home. Some of the concoctions that one gets here would knock you for a loop.

Do you know Mrs. Charles K. Cobb of Brookline? Well anyway, she has invited me to attend a dinner dance at the Vendome on the 26. It's one of the top society dances for kids my age — of course I'm going.

I might like to have John Murphy and his girl over some night for supper - in which case I will go shopping for you at Faneuil Hall.

I would like to go with you to Red Cross some morning and see what it is like and, perhaps, help out.

See ya' Friday

Love,
Dick

March 16, 1943

Mailing Department
BOSTON HERALD
80 Mason Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly change my address from:

Private David Benton
798 T.S.S. Barracks 1014
Seymour Johnson Field
Goldsboro, North Carolina

To:

PRIVATE DAVID BENTON
22ND COLLEGE TRAINING DETACHMENT
CANISIUS COLLEGE
2001 MAIN STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Yours very truly,

Pvt. D. Benton

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Telephone Belmont 1500

March 16, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton,
160 Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Benton,

When I opened your letter this morning, asking that we start the CITIZEN to David, I blinked a couple of times at the letterhead of the Belmont COURI R.....wondering if we were to have more competition in Belmont! The stationery certainly is fresh, after all these years.

I'm sending last week's CITIZEN to David for good measure as he may not have had a chance to see it. Incidentally, you and Mrs. Benton might be interested to know that another Belmont Boy, John C. Fonda who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fonda of Prentiss Lane (no relation to the movie star) is at Canisius.

Sincerely,

Gordon s

BELMONT CITIZEN, Inc.

PS - Does the COURIER still maintain offices at 167 Oliver St.?

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Everett C. Benton Lodge

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East Boston

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TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD COMMUNICATION

Boston, March 6, 1943

Brother:

A Regular Communication of Everett C. Benton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held in Masonic Temple, 344 Meridian Street, East Boston, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1943

at 5:45 P.M.

You are earnestly requested to be present.

Josiah Henry Benton
Master

Attest:
Charles L. Ross
Secretary

Phone: Capitol 6526
11 Beacon Street, Boston

WORK

MASTER MASON DEGREE

Entitled:

BROS. MORTON DIUTSH

LOUIS ARTHUR LESBERG

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DR. LOUIS N. SCHWARTZ, 27 Lyndhurst Street, Dorchester, Phone, Geneva 3777
EDWARD SIDMAN, 32 Parkway Road, Brookline, Phone, Aspinwall 5182

BUSINESS MEETING — 5.50 P.M.

BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES

For the Degrees

LENARD ADRIAN BLUESTEIN

Age 21. Student awaiting induction Res. 1466 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton
Recommended by Bro. Bernard Beerman

ABRAHAM MAYER KOTZEN

Age 47. Buyer Fruit and Produce. Vice-President, W. H. Lailer Co. Inc., 48 Clinton St., Boston
Res. 15 Pasadena Road, Dorchester
Recommended by Bro. Jacob L. Wiseman

JACK JACOB SHAPIRO

Age 41. Garage Operator, 2042 Washington St., Roxbury Res. 84 Crawford St., Roxbury
Recommended by Bro. Nathaniel Harry Shapiro

*SUMNER STROYMAN

Age 24. General Manager, N. E. Magnesium Co., 311 Canal St., Malden Res. 16 Short St., Brookline
Recommended by Bro. Henry Harold Kaplan

*By consent of the Grand Master.

DINNER 6:15 P.M.

Members' dinner tickets are $1.25. Dinner tickets for guests are $1.50. Reservations should be sent to Bro. James Burrows, 341 Watertown Street, Newton (Tel. Dec. 0785), not later than March 15, 1943.

ENTERTAINMENT

8:00 P.M.

FRATERNAL VISITATION

of

Right Worshipful HARRY M. CARLSON
District Deputy Grand Master for the Chelsea Third District

assisted by

Worshipful HENRY ROSNOSKY
District Deputy Grand Marshal

and

Worshipful CARL C. NIELSEN
District Deputy Grand Secretary

CONCLUSION OF WORK

The Third Lodge of Instruction will be held at Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, March 30, 1943, at 7:00 P.M. Candidates are required to attend, and all Master Masons are cordially invited. The speaker will be Right Worshipful Samuel H. Lewis. His subject: "Universality of Masonry."

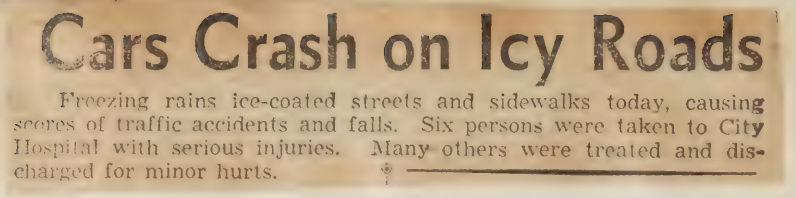
Please notify the Master of any serious illness or distress among members.

Notify the Secretary of any change in address.

This notice is a confidential communication from the Lodge to you. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Tuesday, March 16th 1943

Trotted Egg on Corn Beef Hash. to the square with Frances in Mrs. Paquet's Car. Subway, Office. Work. Annual Report. at 12.45 to the Parker House - Knockers club. Jim Bailey, Bayard Tuckerman, Charlie Barnes, Gerald Henderson, Jim Brown, George Barnes. Cherrystone Clams - Iced Coffee. Back to the office. Real Estate Meeting. Left at 4.30. to R.t.O. Movies to 6.10. Subway to Copley Square. Algonquin Club. Dinner of the Commercial-Merchants Club - Sat with Guy Cox & Frank Hastings. Another good time. Home all the way on the cars. To bed at 11. It drizzled all day - so clumping around in rubbers - and carrying an umbrella.



Cars Crash on Icy Roads

Freezing rains ice-coated streets and sidewalks today, causing scores of traffic accidents and falls. Six persons were taken to City Hospital with serious injuries. Many others were treated and discharged for minor hurts.

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Wednesday, March 17th 1943

Broiled egg or corn beef hash for breakfast. Once again the sidewalks and streets are glazed with ice - and so Bad that Frances could not take the car out of the garage and I shuffled inch by inch out to the car stop. Subway - office - work and out to lunch at 12.30 with Lane and to Rosoffs on Summer St. Shrimp Salad - Milk - Grapefruit. Back to the office and the Directors' Meeting at 1.45 - little business and through at 2.15 and so was able to go out to the funeral of A.C. Ratshesky at the Temple Israel. Had a ride out and back in Tommy Carens Car. Ned. Mansfield went along too and a passenger coming back was Charles E. Spencer, President of the First National Bank of Boston. Back at the office at 3.10. Work. Left at 4.20 - Raining - a cold - bleak day. Cars all the way home. X Girls out celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Frances Cooking. Brought out the new rod for the large brass Candlestick - but it is too short. Dinner. Jellied Soup. Sirloin Steak - French Fried Potatoes. A delicious steak sauce - Green String Beans - Toast. Milk. Sliced Bananas & Cream. To Bed at 7.10. Green Carnations & Pussy Willows, contributed by Judge Leary, decorated the Big Table at the Directors' Meeting.

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

March 12, 1943

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President,
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company,
160 Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company will be held at the office of the Company, 160 Congress Street, Boston, on

Wednesday, March 17, 1943 at 1:45 P. M.

Very truly yours,

E C Mansfield
Secretary.

ECM:GM

Thomas Lamont Elected Chairman of Morgan & Co.

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP) — Thomas W. Lamont, hand-picked in 1911 by the founder of J. P. Morgan & Co. to become a partner in the famous banking firm, today was elected its chief.

The urbane 72-year-old banker was elected chairman of the board to succeed the founder's son, the late J. P. Morgan, who died last Saturday. He had been long regarded as the "senior statesman" on Morgan policy and confidante of successive titular heads of the "House of Morgan."

The election occurred at a regular meeting of the directors, who also chose R. C. Leffingwell as chairman of the executive committee.

Lamont, the son of a modest-paid Methodist minister of Claverack, N. Y., helped round out his expenses at Harvard by acting as correspondent for Boston and New York newspapers. After his graduation in 1892 he served for two years as a reporter on the old New York Tribune.

He then entered the importing and exporting business, remaining there until he was picked by the late Henry P. Davison to become secretary and treasurer of the Bankers Trust Company in 1903.

Folowing Davison into the Morgan firm, Lamont employed his knowledge of foreign trade and with the outbreak of the first World War, entered into important negotiations for huge Allied loans. Later he advised the Treasury on Liberty Loan drives and sat in as financial advisor for the American Commission to negotiate peace.



THOMAS W. LAMONT

For several years it was generally understood in Wall Street that when a major financial enterprise was launched by the Morgan company, the final nod was given by the approval of J. P. Morgan and Lamont, with the latter acting in full administrative capacity recently during absences of the elder banker.

Leffingwell is widely known as an economist and as one of the leading executives on the directorate. He served as Undersecretary of the Treasury during the Wilson Administration.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Wed. P.M.
MAR. 17, '43

Dear Mom + Dad ——

Not much has happened since I last wrote. The school work is unbelievably easy — about high school caliber but we get lots of it. The rest of the time is spent at drill which gets tedious at times. They keep us going from morn 'til night — much less free time here than there at the other two posts.

A Belmont fellow, Johnny Dowd, was first made cadet commander of the detachment. He, two other fellows and myself were under consideration for the job, but un-luckily I was the only one with no previous military training (college R.O.T.C.). The lieutenants had the four of us on the carpet for three hours before they made their selection. Perhaps, when I have had more military experience, I will be in line for a similar job.

Jeanne has left her old job for a better one with the Penn. R.R. She is now in Philadelphia for five weeks of school. Her job will consist of meeting, traveling arrangements, hotel reservations etc. for celebrities big-wigs and such here. She hopes to be able to come to Bridgeport in a couple of weeks. Book, I hope so. You never can tell when and where it might be next and the next spot will probably be a good deal more than 400 miles from N.Y.

Dot Potter [illegible] & Peg. Mc-Callum have all been changed. Three will all in it now.

Hope you are all well and happy. Continuing voice yrs, my kid, good pond, bonjie voyage" whatever portion ——— to ——— "HOME" comes it will be welcome.

Love,
Dave

Dear Mr. Benton, I just must
add my personal thank you to
all you have received. Comfort
Your kind expression of sympathy
is gratefully acknowledged
and deeply appreciated
Mrs. A. C. Ratshesky
Your tender message brought me
Most sincerely, Edith S. Ratshesky



A. C. RATSHESKY

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lomat, Banker
d Philanthropist

am C. Ratshesky, 78, of monwealth avenue, former inister to Czechoslovakia, hilanthropist, and founder t president of the United Trust Company of Boston, terday.

ng career as a banker, n and business executive axed by his appointment as United States minister hoslovakia. He received der of the White Lion, civil order conferred by ntry, and at the end of rice, in 1932, President auded his work highly.

IMMIGRANT

s born in Boston, Nov. 6, p son of poor immigrant who had come to America ir children might live in of opportunity. He attend- n Latin School, and later n a clothing factory estab- y his father, where after of apprenticeship he was to the business adminis- f the plant. He continued the factory after his ad retired, later founding the United States Trust Company at the age of 29.

Always an adherent of the Republican party, in 1891 he was named a delegate to the national convention in Cincinnati, and since then had been selected to attend four others. He was the first Jewish senator in Massachusetts, and at the time of his death had served on more state commissions than any other Massachusetts citizen.

Gov. Coolidge made him chairman of the State Department of Public Welfare, and duirng the World War he was assistant food administrator and assistant executive manager of the Boston Public Safety Committee.

Earlier he became known for his excellent work as commissioner in charge of the Halifax Relief Expedition, after the catastrophic explosion that visited the Canadian city in 1917. His relief train was the first to arrive at the ruins of the stricken city.

Only the fact that he promised his wife, the former Laura Shuman, he never would run for political office prevented Mr. Ratshesky from attaining even greater prominence in the political field.

MANY LARGE GIFTS

He served for many years as secretary of the Republican Committee, and was a trustee of many organizations, including Temple Israel, and Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

It was in connection with the two latter organizations that he was best known as a philanthropist. His gifts were many and invariably large, but to the Boston Chapter he presented $50,000 to pay for the building which is its present headquarters at 347 Commonwealth avenue, and to Temple Israel, he made a single gift of $100,000.

He gave largely to many other charitable causes, including the establishment of the Laura Shuman Home for Jewish Girls, a gift to the Federated Jewish Charities in honor of his wife. He established the Rathshesky Charity Foundation in 1916, with a $100,000 donation, and its work has aided many underprivileged individuals.

He gave not only of his funds but also of his time, to causes he considered worthy. He was a member of the National Conference for Social Work, the Council of the Boston Tuberculosis Association, and the National Council for American Joint Distribution, and was a director of virtually all important Jewish institutions in Boston.

His widow survives him.

The funeral will be held at Temple Israel tomorrow at 2:30 P. M.

OSTON POST, THURS

FUNERAL OF ABRAHAM C. RATSHESKY

Impressive Services Held for Former U. S. Minister

There was a great outpouring of relatives, friends and acquaintances at Temple Israel yesterday to pay their last tribute of respect and affection to Abraham C. Ratshesky, former U. S. minister to Czecho-Slovakia who was laid to rest in Forest Hills Cemetery following services at the temple.

OFFICIALS ATTEND

Governor Saltonstall, former Governor Channing H. Cox, Rudolph King, Speaker of the House of Representatives; former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Carl Dreyfus, chairman of the trustees of the Boston City Hospital; Dr. Charles E. Wilinsky, director of Beth Israel Hospital; A. A. Ginsburg, former president of Beth Israel Hospital; Judge Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr., of the U. S. District Court; Judge A. E. Pinanski of the Superior Court; Judge Jennie Loitman Barron of Boston Municipal Court; Jay R. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Thomas H. Carens of the Boston Edison Co.; Herman A. MacDonald, State commissioner of public works; Alexander Brin, publisher of the Jewish Advocate; former Postmaster Edward C. Mansfield, and Harris Poorvu, treasurer of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, were among the civic leaders who attended the funeral services.

The American Red Cross which was the beneficiary of Mr. Ratshesky's princely generosity, was represented by Joseph R. Hamlen, chairman of Boston Metropolitan Chapter and others. Women members of the Red Cross attended in uniform.

Service Impressive

There was also a large delegation of employees and directors of the United States Trust Company, which Mr. Ratshesky founded and of which he was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman conducted the funeral service. Herbert Fromm, director of the choir, presided at the organ.

The service was simple but deeply impressive. After the recitation of the Psalms, including the famous 23d, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Rabbi Liebman delivered a brief but glowing eulogy of the deceased.

Many Notables Attend Rites for A. C. Ratshesky

Funeral services for Abraham C. Ratshesky, former United States Minister to Czecho-Slovakia, were held yesterday afternoon at Temple Israel with many representative officials, friends and associates in attendance, and the large platform before which the bier was situated heavily laden with floral pieces and cut flowers.

Gov. Saltonstall headed a group of state officials. Personnel of the United States Trust, of which Mr. Ratshesky was founder and chairman of the board up to the time of his death, attended in a body, as did that of the Beth Israel Hospital headed by Dr. Charles Wilinsky, the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, the Federated Jewish Charities, the board of trustees of Temple Israel and the Red Cross.

The services were conducted by Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman, spiritual leader of the congregation, of which he was a trustee for many years. Rabbi Liebman enumerated the various charities in which that Mr. Ratshesky was interested, told of the foundations he established and reviewed his public service.

The honorary pallbearers included Judge Elijah Adlow, Abraham S. Asher, Carl Brandt, Judge A. K. Cohen, Joseph H. Cohen, Judge Frank S. Deland, J. Howard Edwards, Adolph Erlich, Victor H. Elsas, Lee M. Friedman, Charles W. Gammons, James M. Graham, Joseph R. Hamlen, George Hellman, Herbert A. Kneeland, Henry H. Learnard, Dr. Harry Linenthal, Henry Penn, William E. Schrafft, Dr. Harry B. Shuman, Waldo I. Shuman and Max E. Wyzanski.

Others present included Judge Jacob J. Kaplan, Judge Charles E. Wyzanski Jr., Ex-Gov. Channing Cox, Commissioner Herman McDonald, Carl Dreyfus, Sidney Dreyfus, Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Leon Strauss, A. A. Ginsberg, Mrs. A. E. Pinanski, Mrs. Whitman, Judge Abraham E. Pinanski, Deputy Supt. of Boston Police John O'Dea, former Postmaster Edward Mansfield, former Atty. Gen. J. Benton and Rudolph King, Speaker of the House.

A. C. Ratshesky Funeral Held

State, City Officials Honor Philanthropist

State and city officials, and leaders in many walks of life yesterday attended the funeral of Abraham C. Ratschesky, 78, former U. S. minister to Czechoslovakia and one of Boston's most noted philanthropists, at Temple Israel.

Last rites for the founder and first president of the United States Trust Company, head of several vital mercy missions, and confidante of Governors and Presidents, found Temple Israel filled with hundreds as Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman paid tribute to his memory as "a symbol of the new America and its pattern."

TRIBUTE BY RABBI

"His was a long and sunlit day on the garden of the earth," Rabbi Liebman said. "His was the high honor, as a member of a persecuted and oppressed people, to represent the new America in old Europe."

"He matched his ability to America's hour, and made a distinguished and blessed career. He had a variety of interests, many opportunities for public and civic service. He was driven by the urge to repay to America the blessings it had given him," Rabbi Liebman said.

"His friendship with Thomas Masaryk and Edward Benes was perhaps among his greatest privileges," Rabbi Liebman said, referring to Mr. Ratshesky's career as U. S. minister to Czechoslovakia.

He paid high tribute to Mr. Ratshesky's manifold charities to both Jewish and Gentile organizations, and to Mrs. Ratshesky's influence in helping mold his long and brilliant career.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mr. Ratshesky, who died at Beth Israel Hospital Monday, had served on more Massachusetts state commissions than any other citizen of the commonwealth, and many of the officials with whom he had served the public were present at the funeral.

Gov. Saltonstall and Ex-Gov. Channing H. Cox were among those in attendance. Others, prominent in state and civic affairs, attended in large numbers.

Among them were Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, U. S. Judge Charles E. Wyzanski, Judge Jacob J. Kaplan, Allen Morse, president of the United States Trust Company; Judge A. K. Cohen of the Boston Municipal Court; A. A. Ginsberg, former president of Beth Israel Hospital's board of directors; Leon Strauss of Leopold Morse Co.; Judge A. E. Pinanski, Dr. Charles Wilinsky, executive director of Beth Israel Hospital; former Postmaster Edward C. Mansfield, former Atty.-Gen Jay R. Benton; Thommas H. Carens of the New England Power Co.; Rudolph F. King, Speaker of the House, and Alexander Brin, editor of the Jewish Advocate.

Employes of the United States Trust Company, officials of Beth Israel Hospital and of the Federation of Jewish Charities, and uniformed Red Cross personnel attended in force.

Police officials were present, and a special detail was stationed outside Temple Israel to divert traffic as the flower-covered casket was taken from the building.

HONORARY BEARERS

Honorary bearers were Judge Elijah Adlow, Abraham S. Asher, Carl Brandt, Judge A. K. Cohen, Joseph H. Cohen, Judge Frank S. Deland, J. Howard Edwards, Adolph Ehrlich, Victor L. Elsas, Lee M. Friedman, Charles W. Gammons, James M. Graham, Joseph M. Hamlen, George Hellman, Herbert A. Kneeland, Henry H. Learnard, Dr. Harry Linenthal, Henry Penn, William E. Schrafft, Dr. Harry B. Shuman, Waldo I. Shuman, and Max Wyzanski.

Burial was in Forest Hills cemetery, with a private committal service at the grave.

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25 Feb. 1943
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Africa

Dear Mr. Benton

Received your letter today and it certainly was good to hear from you. Surely did bring back some of those swell times I had there with you all. Those were surely the happy days.

Our President, Sent Christmas Eve. had a very quiet Christmas day except for the 3 mile hike we had and our rations. New Years Eve was the same, minus the hike

Letter from John today says Mary & the Moose are in California Know they will like it in So Cal. great Country. Trust all are fine

often think of all of you— Williamson and Jameson, too. Give them all my best.

Its good to know I have one of those blue & white chairs reserved, you can bet I'll be there when roll is called. That & something (inc) looking forward to.

Please give my love to Mrs. Benton and all the family

Sincerely
Bill

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Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FEBRUARY



MARCH

March 18, 1943

To the Superintendent:

Last call to write ordinary in the February and March Campaign in honor of our President, J. R. Benton!

Mr. Superintendent, when this letter reaches your desk, there will be but a few days left in which to write ordinary in order to have it count in this effort. Remember, the business must be written, examined and issued on or before March 31.

We are unable to make even a wild guess as to which district is leading for the honor of winning the President's Cup. However, there is ample time to write that FIVE or TEN in order to complete a good record.

Keep in mind the President's Cup and the Cash Bonuses!

Yours very truly,

W. H. Moody.

Supt. of Agencies.

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C C. CHURCH, Jr.

Secretary
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Clubs of Boston

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BOYS' CLUBS OF AMERICA, INC.

VICTORY VOLUNTEERS

AREA No. 1

Boston, Massachusetts

March
4th
1943

Hon. Jay R. Benton, Pres.
Boston Mutual Life Ins. Co.
160 Congress St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear "Jay:"

The Victory Volunteer meeting for this month has been postponed from Tuesday, March 9, the regular meeting date, to Thursday, March 18 and will be held at the Parker House at 12:30.

This change was made to accommodate a desire of Mr. David W. Armstrong, Executive Director of the Boys' Clubs of America, Inc. who particularly wants to meet with the Council to bring up important matters in relationship to the Boys' Clubs and the war effort.

I know that you will make every effort to be present for "Dave" has some very vital things to take up and we want to be in a position to discuss them with as many members of the Council as possible, and if necessary, make some decisions.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Frederic C. Church, Jr.
Chairman, Area I

FCC/ld

"Every waking hour think, work and fight for Victory"

WILLIAM BOOTH
FOUNDER
COLONEL RICHARD F. STRETTON
PROVINCIAL COMMANDER

GEORGE L. CARPENTER
GENERAL

ERNEST I. PUGMIRE
COMMISSIONER EASTERN TERRITORY
MAJOR FRED FAHEY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Charles Hayden Memorial

SOUTH END BOYS' CLUB

Operated by The Salvation Army

WASHINGTON AND EAST CANTON STREETS
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

W. DOUGLAS HALSTED
MANAGING DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE KENMORE 5260

March 13, 1943

Hon. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
160 Congress Street
Boston, Mass.

Passed this up.

File
Received - Benton
MAR 15 1943
Attended to viz:

Dear Mr. Benton:

Once each year the South End Boys' Club holds "Open House" as a special occasion for parents of members and friends of the South End Boys' Club to come and view a variety of Club activities and an exhibition of the arts and crafts work completed during the season. Again this year we are scheduling "Open House" for Thursday, March 18, between the hours of 7.30 and 9 p.m.

We have always had a large number of parents present on this occasion and we trust the war effort will not too seriously affect attendance this year.

We have always had members of the South End Boys' Club Committee present on this occasion and this is your invitation to attend this year. I know that you are very busy with many added duties and responsibilities but we do hope that on this very special occasion you will be able to find the time to come and see the Club in action. We think that you will be surprised and pleased with what you see and I can guarantee you a very interesting evening.

I told our boys that members of the South End Boys' Club Administrative Committee will be here on this evening and I know your presence will give them encouragement to do greater things in athletics, arts, crafts, and in their war effort program. As you step into the Club next Thursday evening I can see friendly rivalry among our boy ushers for the privilege of taking you through the building. We are going to have many ushers and I would like to have a member of the Board for each boy.

We do hope that you will plan to come Thursday, March 18, between 7.30 and 9 p.m. With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

W. Douglas Halsted

W. Douglas Halsted
MANAGING DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The gasoline ration for "A" book holders in Eastern States tonight was cut to approximately 1½ gallons a week, effective March 22, but they can use it as they please — the ban on pleasure driving is out effective on that date.

Thursday. March 18th 1943

This was a nice day weatherwise. Fried eggs & Bacon for Breakfast. Frances + I riding to the Square in Mrs. Packett's car - and Mrs. Tibby aboard again at School Street. Subway. Office-work. At 12.30 to the Parker House and to a luncheon meeting of the Victory Volunteers, to Harris' on Bromfield St. for my film prints. Walking Back to the office with Leo Leary - More work. The day gets better as it goes along. Should have worn my Tok Coat. Left at 4.30 Cars all the way home. Hot cup of tea - Up stairs and read Peters until dinner time. Broilers - Baked Potato. New Cabbage. Lettuce - Tomato & String Bean Salad. Hot Rolls. Butter. Milk. A little apple pie - Blue Cheese - Up stairs to read at 7.10.

Peter and the B. & N. Base Ball squad got outdoors for practice today.

Empty vegetable bins and skimpy meat supplies greeted Boston housewives, and wholesalers complained they faced ruin today as Boston came face to face with the worst food shortage in the city's history.

BOSTON MUTUAL RACE ON

Boston Mutual Life's annual campaign for the President's cup, awarded for new business in February, March and April, is in full swing now in all company districts. Ultimate object is to honor President Jay Rogers Benton, former attorney general of Massachusetts. The cup is now held by the North Adams district, of which Clifton B. Powers is superintendent.

Friday, March 19th 1943
The news today. Nicholas home for his Monday's Spring vacation from Exeter. Breakfast - Orange juice - cream of wheat - Broiled School-aud good - Rolls - Butter - Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances. Subway, office - To Work - Out for at 12.30 with Jane - to the Country Plate in the Little Building - Meat Loaf - Mushroom Sauce. Carrots & Peas - Iced Coffee. Grapefruit - Back to the office. Frank came over from the Printing Department to get the copy for the Annual Report. Clearing out the personal folders in the office files - Folders filed up on Miss Govan's desk. Left at 4.30 — Drizzling - a cold dish day. Home all the way on the Cars. Greetings with Nicholas. Dinner. Fried Clams. Tartar Sauce. French Fried Potatoes. Creamed Celery. Rolls - Butter - Milk - Sliced Orange and Bananas - Up stairs at 7.10 -
Nicholas away at 7.30 to go to the Eliot Hall Dance in Jamaica Plain -

UNITED STATES ARMY

Fri. P.M.
MARCH 19, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad —

As usual, not much news to write. I had lots of mail today — most of it from Virginia Johnson.

There are a million rumors in the air about one of us having flight pilot wings. This is usually a good indication that something is about to happen. It's funny, but these things seem to be this certain time among the boys before something big happens. We all know about what actually has happened, but still, they can't tell that something is about to take place. It would make an interesting topic for a Psychology Professor.

The first thing I'll do is [illegible] like the first to come this month to Pensacola, I had a post card from Jimmie. He

is in the A.F. general mess hall at Miami.

Tomorrow, I expect that Jack & I will go to the movies and have dinner down town. At certainly is a relief to get away from camp life for a few hours Sat. & Sun.

Thanks Nick for the letter - be sure glad about writing - and tell him that I'll try and write when I can find a little more time.

The weather is showing some signs of getting warmer - Spring should be here by the middle of June.

My love to all the gang,

Dave

ARLINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY
299 Broadway
Arlington, Massachusetts

March 19, 1943

Mr. Jay R. Benton,
160 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton:

At a Meeting of the Directors of Arlington Gas Light Company, held March 18th, you were duly elected a Director.

We are pleased to welcome you and look forward to meeting you at the regular quarterly meetings for which you will receive notices in advance of the scheduled dates.

Very truly yours,

Ralph D. Washburn
Clerk

RDW/R

Elected Director

President Jay R. Benton of the Boston Mutual Life has been elected a director of the Arlington Gas Light Co. of the New England Power Assn.

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NEW HONOR FOR BOSTON
President Jay R. Benton of the Boston Mutual Life has been elected a director of the Arlington Gas Light Co. of the New England Power Association.

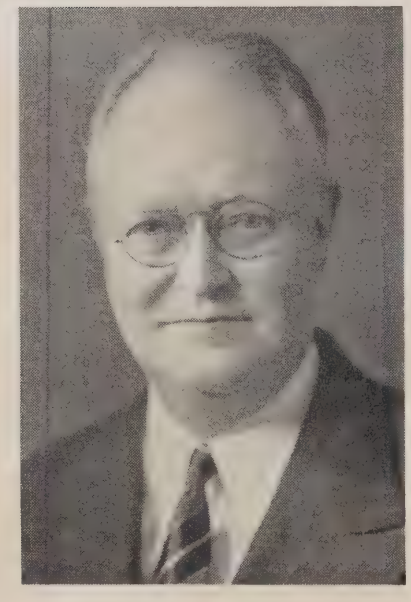
PEOPLE

¶ President **Jay R. Benton** of the Boston Mutual Life has been elected a director of the Arlington Gas Light Co. of the New England Power Association.

Jay R. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Life, has been elected a director of the Arlington Gas Light Co. of the New England Power Association.

April 10, 1943

On Utility Directorate



JAY R. BENTON

Mr. Benton, who is president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Arlington Gas Light Company of the New England Power Association.

PERSONAL SIDE OF THE BUSINESS

President **Jay R. Benton** of Boston Mutual Life has been elected a director of the Arlington Gas Light Company of the New England Power Association.

TELEPHONES
OFFICE - - BELMONT 2300
RESIDENCE - BELMONT 2377

TOWN OF BELMONT
PERCIVAL J. HAAG
CONSTABLE AND DOG OFFICER
TOWN HALL

BOX 56

Belmont, Mass., March 19, 1943.

Honorable Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear FriendJay:-

Answering your card to me under the date of the 18th inst., if you will forward your remittance in the amount of two dollars, $2.00 I will forward your license for your dog, viz-Retriever-Male- Name Curly.

As stated above the license will be forwarded but the tag will be forwarded to you at a later date as same have not been received by the Town Clerk.

With kind personal regards I am

Sincerely yours,

Constable and Dog Officer, Town of Belmont

ALMOST A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF MIDDLESEX

WHY CAN'T I ?

March 19, 1943

M. Steinert & Sons, Co.
162 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Not to make a special trip, but the next time your service man is out in my vicinity, kindly have him get the radio side of my Magnavox working again and also synchronize the record playing side.

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Mass.

JRB:BCC



TYPICAL MARKET SCENE TODAY—Some of the crowd that stormed Quincy Market today as the meat shortage became acute.

FRIDAY, MAR. 19, 1943



Customers Line up 5 Deep Before Handschumakers' Meat Counter Today

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'Yes, We Have Some Bananas'



By a Staff Photographer

Line Forms to Buy Fruit That Once Came in Bunches

Along with butter, meat, and several other commodities, bananas have become scarce articles in Boston stores. The Faneuil Fruit Exchange, on Massachusetts Avenue, occasionally receives a shipment—and when it does a line such as this quickly forms.



Preserved in F. Alexander Chandler's collection of Belmont memorabilia is the first copy to come off the press of Belmont's first newspaper of its own, the *Belmont Courier*, which Everett C. Benton and Harry W. Poor began publishing at Waverley January 2, 1889. After perusing the first installment of a historical sketch of the incorporation of the Town of Belmont and about four columns of local news and business cards, charter subscribers found over three six-column pages of "boiler plate" from which to read up on such assorted topics as Night-Wrappers, Falcon-Flying and A Knock-Kneed Emporer, or to chuckle at an assortment of jokes. A column of "New England News" deals to great extent with murders and other violent deaths of the day, while an adjoining column summarizes oddities of national and world news. In the "ads" patent medicine purveyors present a variety of nostrums, the Northern Pacific Railroad offers low-priced lands in the northwest to settlers and "Jones of Binghampton, He Pays the Freight" will deliver a five-ton wagon scale for $60.

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Local items in the first *Courier* reflect the centering of the town's social life of the day about its churches. Also chronicled are the first anniversary of Waverley Hose Company No. 1, a program by the Belmont Musical Club at the house of J. M. Hernandez, Esq., on Pleasant st, a meeting of the Round About Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Chenery, a house warming at the new Waverley st residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Harris, and the death of Dr. Hugh Mulholland, Civil War surgeon. Rev. Hilary Bygrave, pastor of the Belmont Congregational Unitarian Church, contributes a poem. Listed as town officers are Josiah S. Kendall, J. Henry Fletcher and Jacob Hittinger, selectman, and Winthrop L. Chenery, town clerk and treasurer.

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JOHN C. FONDA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Fonda of 48 Prentiss lane, of the Army Air Corps, and **DAVID BENTON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton of 3 Pequossette rd, are now taking special training at Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y.

Saturday, March 20th 1943 X

Awake uh at 6.30 feeling reasonably well - So doing this and that and reading the "Herald" at 7.30 - Jane brought uh my breakfast at 8.20. Orange juice - Corn flakes - Broiled egg & toast - Iced Coffee - Peter went uh to Barton's Drugstore in Coolidge Square and brought me Back the Boston "Citizen", the Boston "Post", "Globe", and "Record" John was away again in the middle of the morning - Squash at the University Club - and to Swampscott for the screening. I spent most of the day going through Boxes of old clippings, programs, College work - out of the cellar. For lunch: Lobster, Tomato & Lettuce Sandwiches - Nicholas went to the Boston Skating Club for the afternoon. Dinner at 6.45 - Frances had Henry Wattlaufer uh. Escalloped Fish - Stuffed Potato - Buttered Carrots - Salad - Hot Rolls. Milk - Orange Custard - Nicholas in town to the theatre "The Family" and Peter in to the movies + Uh stairs at 7.15 +

'Beautiful' Spring Here According to Almanac

It depends entirely on when you are reading this. If you awoke late, Spring arrived while you were fast asleep. If you awoke early, let us be the first to tell you that Spring will be here shortly. And if, as you are reading this, it is exactly 8:03 A. M. Eastern War Time, rejoice and sing roundelays, for the sun is passing through the vernal equinox and it is becoming spring. And finally, if you have no clock handy and don't know what time it is, be assured that spring either has arrived, is arriving, or will arrive.

Believe it or not, spring is here, having officially arrived at 8:03 a. m. today.

That particular minute is what G. Harold Noyes, weather man at the Federal building, calls the "astronomical vernal equinox," and take it or leave it, that means spring in scientific terms.

It was a long, cold winter, Noyes admits, with temperatures far below normal, repeated ice storms which glazed highways and played hob with transportation, a 13-inch snowfall, worst since the 1941 St. Valentine's Day blizzard, and a paralyzing cold spell beginning Dec. 30, when the mercury dropped to 11 below zero, and climaxed by Feb. 15, when 14 below zero made it the second coldest day on record.

Weather bureau figures since Jan. 1 have been 30-odd degrees below normal. Temperatures for March, so far, however, are 7 above normal.

Sunday, March 21st 1943

Feeling full of pep today — Down for the Sunday Babies at 7. They are arriving earlier now. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.30 — Orange juice - corn flakes Hamburg Patty - Mayonnaise Potatoes with onions - Worcestershire Sauce - toast - English muffins - Iced Coffee - L'p with a bound at 9 and did my fretting for the week. Put the remaining lawn chairs & tables out. Put the big brass candlestick together. John built a log fire in the little living room. At 12.30 came Helen, Jamey, Barbara and her two children, Ross and Jamey III - over from West Newton. Cocktail Party - Warren came up for Sunday Dinner - A huge Roast Beef, 14 Pounds - Rested all afternoon + A hot tub bath at 6. Frances made me a snack supper + John went into the movies + learned today that Chester Bahr is seriously ill

SENT TO DAVID AND MARY

Sunday Evening, March 21, 1943

Dear

This is the first day of spring — so we were all up bright and early. I brought up the rest of the blue and white lawn chairs and the little tables and put them out on the lawn, hoping that we might be able to sit out there at noontime but it stayed on the coolish side — in fact — a log fire felt good and looked even better. At 12:30 over from West Newton came Helen, Jamey, Barbara, Ross, and Jamey the Third. A Little Living Room Convention, with Cocktails, Cigarettes, cachinnation, conversation, and capers.

We had unpleasant news in the middle of it — a letter from Louise, saying that Chester Bahr is in a hospital seriously ill. We expect further details presently.

Dinner was at the usual time — nearer three bells than two — but a huge roast beef, fourteen pounds. Warren was up so now we must have Andrew and then John, so there will be no hurt feelings.

This was a week of over indulgence — what with starting off Monday night with the Beacon Society and Tuesday with the Commercial Club, both at the Algonquin. The 15th was the dark blue Federal Income Tax Day, with nearly everybody's pocketbook taking a terrific wallop. Peter and the B. & N. Baseball squad were able to get outdoors for the first time. Ordered three new shades for my bedroom at R. H. White's. St. Patrick's Day started off with glare ice on the streets and sidewalks and your Mother did not go in town — the car stayed in the garage. The Directors' Meeting — a large bouquet of green carnations contributed by Judge Leary decorated the big table around which we sat. Thursday was a balmy day — and a luncheon of the Victory Volunteers at the Parker House. Friday Nicholas returned from Exeter for a spring vacation of ten days — busy as always. He was away in the evening to a dance at Eliot Hall in Jamaica Plain. We had fried clams and tartar sauce for dinner. Saturday once again was a day of rest for me. John was away to play squash at the University Club and poker in the evening at Swampscott. Nicholas went skating at the

Boston Skating Club in the afternoon and to the Wilbur Theatre at night.

I just heard your Mother talking with Lizzie Rogers on the telephone. John Rogers is getting married a week from Thursday -- on what I do not know. Hank Wettlaufer was up for supper last evening -- with Judy and Robin last Sunday -- Warren today -- leaves, as I have said, Andrew and John to go. Louise is still in New York, which accounts for the solicitude for the Hillcrest Road Tribe.

Empty vegetable bins and skimpy meat supplies were the story this past week-end and the excitement spread even out to Belmont -- with storekeepers obliged to close shop to quiet down crowds of angry customers -- this happening even to the old and sedate Payson Park Market with our friend Charlie Morrow figuratively tearing his hair out.

Dr. Morrison called up to say that the Veterans of Foreign Wars are going to present this year's "Citizenship Medal" to Hannah and inviting your Mother and me. John has gone into the Garden to see the first play-off game. Bruins against the Canadians. Peter is showing colored movies to Charlie Powers, the Fat Boy. Nicholas has gone out somewhere. Kathleen and Jane have gone chattering out to the car stop. Curly is curled up by the stove. Russ is looking out the window for tomorrow's squirrels. Your Mother is in bed. I have had a hot tub bath -- my eyelids are heavy -- so good night and my love.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ILLIAM J. BINGHAM, *Director*
LARENCE B. VAN WYCK, *Secretary*

15 Holyoke Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

March 17, 1943.

Dear Jay:

I am scheduled to show my pictures to the young people on Sunday evening, March 21, at ten minutes after seven. If you have no conflicting engagements it will be a pleasure to have you with us at that time. In case you are able to be present I may want to ask you to tell us a little about the house, chapel and garden.

Sincerely

"Van"

C. B. Van Wyck

Mr. Jay R. Benton

P.S. The pictures will be shown in the basement room on the left at the foot of the stairs.

Passed This up.

'And Spring Comes Slowly Up This Way'



By a Staff Photographer

Welcome Committee in Public Garden

Mankind is unwaveringly, even ruggedly, optimistic, hence, it is always willing to meet gentle spring more than halfway. So it was that a photographer, himself feeling in a spring mood, caught these spring welcomers in utter relaxed mood in the Boston Public Garden. One doesn't have to look hard to see who was caught by spring's gentle insistence. Workers on half-hour "furlough" from their offices, and mothers and their infant charges, letting spring do what spring will do to those in a receptive frame of mind.



THE FRUIT STAND ON THE CORNER

J. R. B. GREETS DISRAELI



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TO
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29A - CHESTNUT St., BOSTON
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1943

March 22, 1943

Mr. John P. Ashey, 2nd
President of the Board
The "Exonian"
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Ashey:

I have just received the 65th Anniversary Issue and see that you have been elected President. I want to congratulate you and also the school paper. From what I have observed about you, it will do well under your management.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

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BUTTER: IT SOLD FREELY BEFORE IT WAS FROZEN



Scene yesterday as customers made purchases before freezing order went into effect at midnight

The New York Times

Sale of Butter Banned Over Nation for Week

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, March 21—Without warning, the Office of Price Administration announced this afternoon a ban for a week on the sale of butter to the public.

The ban was made public at 3 P. M., and went out immediately over the radio. It called for stoppage of sales at one minute after midnight tonight. The announcement at mid-afternoon gave to the public, in particular to those living in cities, a few hours in which to rush to delicatessen and other stores which might be open.

Some persons succeeded in getting supplies ahead of the midnight deadline. But at many stores stocks were inadequate for the demand.

The sales "freeze" applied not only to butter, but to other edible fats and oils included in the meat-cheese-fats rationing which goes into effect Monday, March 29. Other items covered by the sales suspension were lard, margarine, shortening and cooking and salad oils. The Sunday run on the stores involved these products also, but the stress was on the effort to buy butter.

Monday, March 22nd 1943

Breakfast Orange juice - oatmeal Scrambled eggs - Bacon - Toast - Iced coffee - to the Square with Frances. Subway - Office. Work. Out to lunch at 12.30. with Jane - took 3 photos. one with "Disraeli" at the fruit stand, the second at Parkman's house on 8 Walnut St. he the victim of the famous Prof. John W. Webster murder in 1849, the third in front of old "Hoffy" at 24 A Chestnut St. - to the Hotel Lincolnshire - Roast Shoulder of Veal - Mixed vegetables. Grape fruit - Iced coffee. Shopping. left the film at Harrison Bromfield St. to Jordan's - Jane Pajama buying. to Liggetts for a Bottle of Sal Hepatica. to Chauncey St. a bunch of Jonquils for the Directors' Table. to Stationer Murray's for a #105 Wells Scrapbook, to Sagrin - for a 3 Way Bulb for Frances' Bed Lamp. Back to the office - Work. left at 4.20. A shine. Home all the way on the cars. Moody brought out my suitcase. Meat Loaf with Mushroom Sauce. Mashed Potato - Gravy Parsnips - Cold slaw. Toast - Milk - Sliced Oranges & Grapefruit. Upstairs at 7.

Tuesday, March 23rd 1943

Up at 7.45 after reading the "Herald" — Fried eggs & bacon - toast - iced coffee - orange juice - cream of wheat - to the Square with Frances and John went along too. Subway - office - work - out to lunch at 12.45 — to the Parker House - Trockers Club — Tom. White as from Washington - George Barnes - Jim. Brown - Allen Buttrick - Eben Draker - Rutherford Smith - Jack Thayer - Bayard Tuckerman and his guest Clifford Smith — Baked Ham Steak Pot Pie and Chef's Salad - Iced Coffee - Tangerines - Back to the office - Real Estate Committee — left at 4.15 Home all the way on the cars - Up stairs to take it easy. Dinner at 6.30 — Beef Steak Pie - Baked Macaroni & Cheese - Tomato & Lettuce Salad. Roll - Milk - Apple Pan Dowdy - John was not home for dinner. Nicholas went into the Boston Garden to join Lynn for the second playoff game - Bruins against the Canadiens. Cold today and blustery winds +

Dec. P.M
MAR. 23, 1973

Dear Mom - Dad

Well I guess my days of [illegible] are numbered. At [illegible] quote days it that my flight is staying to a flying pedal mile of Bangkok — probably not — the next two weeks if the pedal we will, maybe, to prevent plans, get about a month [illegible] flying. Then we go to Nakhonlike for final changing orders and next to Nakhonlike for [illegible] conduct.

It would be quite exciting if the [illegible] flying [illegible] every day. I'm frankly not to get excited. Even though I don't expect to be a pedal [illegible]



AUTUMN ON TREMONT STREET — 1889

KNOCKERS CLUB
TUESDAY
MAR. 23, '43

PARKER HOUSE

School and Tremont Streets, Boston, Mass.

OYSTERS, CLAMS AND SEAFOOD

Cape Oysters 45	Baked Oysters a la Parker 80

Lobster Cocktail 1.00 — Cherrystone Clams 45 — Stuffed Tomato Nelson 60
Clam Juice Cocktail 25 — Assorted Seafood Cocktail 90
Fresh Shrimp Cocktail 75 — Little Neck Clams 40 — Cocktail Sauce 05

RELISHES

Canape of Domestic Caviar per Person 75 — Iced Celery 40, Stuffed 60
Imported Antipasto 1.00 — Fruit Cocktail 65 — Radishes 20
Domestic Caviar p. p. 1.25 — Hors d'Œuvres p. p. 1.00
Ripe Olives 25 — Queen Olives 30

SOUPS

Cream of Native Celery Soup with Croutons 50, Cup 30
Consomme Napolitaine Cup 30

Oyster Stew with Milk 65, Half Cream 80, in Chafing 1.00

FISH

Broiled Fresh Shad Roe with Bacon and French Fried Potatoes 2.00

★Broiled Salmon Steak with Parsley Butter and Green Peas 1.25
..Fried Fillet of Fresh Haddock with Tartar Sauce and Parsley Potato 90
Fresh Cape Scallops, Saute Meuniere with Tomato Salad 1.60
Broiled Lake Trout with Cheese Sauce and String Beans 1.25
Fresh Brook Trout Split and Broiled Bacon with French Fried Potatoes 1.10
Broiled Halibut Steak with Chive Butter 1.00
Cold Boiled Chicken Lobster with Aspragus Tips Salad 1.70
★★BROILED PARKER HOUSE SCHROD WITH PARSLEY BUTTER OR CHEESE SAUCE 85
Broiled Live Chicken Lobster 1.75

ENTREES

★Baked Lamb Steak Pot Pie with Pastry Cover and Chef's Salad 1.15
★Grilled Deviled Roast Beef with Mustard Sauce and Mashed Potatoes 1.35
★Garden Broccoli on Toast with Cheese Sauce and Fried Sweet Potatoes 1.00
★Shirred Eggs with Diced Fresh Calf's Liver and Parsley Potato 90
Broiled Native Chicken, Half, on Toast with French Fried Potatoes 1.65
Fresh Calf's Liver with Bacon, Saute Family Style and Garden Spinach 1.35
French Pancakes with Brandy in Chafing Dish 1.15
Cold Roast Native Turkey with Fruit Salad 1.45
★★BROILED FRESH HONEYCOMB TRIPE A LA PARKER 1.00

ROAST

★★Parker House Prime Ribs of Beef with Its Juice and Baked Potato 1.75

COLD DISHES

Sliced Chicken 1.45 — Roast Lamb, Mint Jelly 1.10 — Assorted Cold Cuts 1.15
Boiled Fresh Salmon 1.00 — Boned Galantine of Capon 1.35 — Boiled Ham 1.00
Ribs of Prime Beef 1.40 — Smoked Beef Tongue 1.10
Pressed Corned Beef 90 — Imported Pate de Foie Gras 1.50
Potato Salad Served with all Cold Meats

★Ready Dishes
★★Famous at THE PARKER HOUSE for over 80 years.
5c added on Room Service Items up to 50c, 10c thereafter.

The management of this hotel assures its patrons that all foods served here are bought from reputable sources at ceiling prices. We will not tolerate any dealings with Black Markets.

Tuesday, March 23, 1943 — Massachusetts Old Age Tax 5%

George Barnes
Jim Brown
Ellen Buttaick
Eben Draker
Clifford Smith
Jack Thayer
Old Fashion 55
Manhattan 45
Bayard Turkerman
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Benton
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VEGETABLES

Hubbard Squash 35 — French Fried Onions 35 — Buttered Young Carrots 30
String Beans 40 — Spinach 35, Creamed 40
Boiled Onions 30 — Cauliflower 40, au Gratin 50
Broccoli Milanaise or Polonaise 75

FRESH ASPARAGUS ON TOAST WITH DRAWN BUTTER 1.00

POTATOES

Boiled, each 15 — Hash Browned 25 — Delmonico 35 — Baked Maine 20
French Fried 25 — Julienne 25 — Hashed in Cream 25
Mashed 25 — Lyonnaise 30 — Fried Sweet 30 — Saute 25
Candied Sweet 35 — Allumette 25 — O'Brien 35

SALADS

Parker House Chef's Salad Bowl with Julienne of Ham 90

Chicken 1.25 — Fresh Shrimp 1.00 — Lobster 1.75 — Lettuce 50 — Waldorf 80
Combination 75 — Romaine or Escarole 65 — Potato 50 — Chiffonade 90
New Beet 50 — Fresh Fruit 90 — Tomato 65

DRESSINGS

Thousand Island — Russian — French — Mayonnaise
Roquefort 10 — Supremaise Non-Fattening 10

DESSERTS

Parker House Apple Pie 25 — Chocolate Chiffon Pie 25 — Chocolate Eclair 25
Rice Custard Pudding with Cream 25 — Gingerbread with Apple Sauce 25
Strawberry Jello, Whipped Cream 20 — Walnut Cake 20 — Cup Custard 25

PARKER HOUSE ICE CREAM

Fresh Apple 25 — Cherry 25 — Brown Bread 25
Lemon Sherbet 25 — Raspberry Sherbet 25 — Vanilla 25
Chocolate 25 — Strawberry 25

Only Half Portion of Ice Cream Served

FRESH FRUITS

Apple Sauce 20 — Pear 20 — Fresh Apple 20
Baked Apple 25, with Cream 35 — Fresh Pineapple 35 — Grapefruit, Half 30

CHEESE (with Toasted Crackers)

Camembert 35 — Chef's 35 — Roquefort 45
Daisy Cooper 35 — American 25
Cream 25 — Liederkranz 35 — Swiss 35
Hot Cheese Croquettes 35 — Cream Cheese and Bar Le Duc Jelly 60

BEVERAGES

Hot Chocolate, Pot 25 — Demi Tasse 10
Buttermilk, Bottle 15 — Ovaltine, Pot 25
Milk, Half Pint 15 — Tea, Pot 25

Pot of Coffee 20 p. p.

Due to rationing of coffee we are obliged to limit our patrons to one serving per Person.

Bread and Butter or Parker House Rolls 15c per Person

PARKER HOUSE ROLLS originated at THE PARKER HOUSE
are Served from 12 M. to 2:30 P. M. and 6 to 8 P. M.

Massachusetts Old Age Tax 5%

Autumn on Tremont Street

A COLORFUL view of placid Tremont Street in 1889 depicting several noted landmarks associated with the famous Parker House in the early history of Boston. In the right background the Park Street Church lifts its lofty spire as it still does today. A corner of historic King's Chapel, also still standing, is shown at the left. In the middle foreground and formerly facing the original Parker House stands another well known hostelry which shared international fame with the Parker House. In 1833 President Andrew Jackson, Vice President Martin Van Buren, and Commander Isaac Hull were guests at the Tremont House to attend the docking of the frigate Constitution at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

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From original painting by E. E. Anthony

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72 Trapelo Road
Belmont, Mass.

Telephone Belmont 1500

March 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Benton,

Thanks a lot for the brochure on the circulation efforts of the old Belmont COURIER.....we think it has very good possibilities for a feature story, and I have asked Frank Appell to prepare one for a future edition.

Incidentally, Alex Chandler gave us an old program when they dedicated the Waverley railroad station 50 years ago (June 1, 1892.) We think, too, that this would make another feature story. Have you any highlights on it? Your father was a member of the "depot committee" and also on the program. The program is an elaborate one, with pen sketches on the cover showing Pequossette Common in 1638 (with indians!), Waverley in 1860 (one building), Plympton's Crossing in 1843 (was this Waverley crossing?) and the sketch of the new station.

From your experience in building up the circulation of the COURIER, you may remember what a tough job it was. I've tried about everything and have finally found what I believe to be the most satisfactory to us. We have prepared the enclosed circular, which goes out to a non-subscriber with a sample copy of the CITIZEN. I then have a man, Robert Spencer, contact each party by telephone. The results are about 20% of those circularized, and the amazing part is, all these new ones seem to "stick" almost a 100%. The "old-timers", of course, stay with us year after year.

Through various methods over thepast four years, we have been able to boost our circulation from slightly over 1600 until today it is 3,100, gross. I figure the net as pretty close to 3000. I have applied for an ABC audit, which will make the CITIZEN one of the few weeklies in Massachusetts with an audited circulation. You probably know that the ABC stands for Audit Bureau of Circulations, an organization composed of advertisers and newspapers, which audits the circulation of all the big metropolitan newspapers. This does away with taking "the word of the publisher".

I am going into the Army a week from tomorrow (March 31) and before I go I want to take this opportunity of again thanking you for your most generous interest in the CITIZEN. Believe me when I say it is greatly appreciated.

FOUR TIMES A CONTEST WINNER
Excellence in Make-Up: M. P. A. First Award
Typography and Production: M. P. A. Third Award
Best Layout and Design: M. P. A. Third Award
Post War National Community Newspaper Contest - Special Award

The Hyde Park selective service board was most considerate in granting a deferment to Frank Appell. I was quite discouraged for a while but I think they must have gone out of their way to make it possible for him to stay to run the CITIZEN so that I could get into the Army.

Assisting Frank will be Mrs. Helen Perreault, a capable girl who has had seven years' experience on a large weekly in Maine. And, of course, we have Walter Beetle to "dignify" the office by his presence.

Sincerely yours,

Elston L.

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A Community Newspaper
For Twenty-four Years

- **Its Aims**
- **Its Principles**



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THE BELMONT CITIZEN

Published Every Friday at 72 Trapelo Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

About The Staff

Gordon B. Seavey has been managing editor of the Belmont CITIZEN since 1938, at which time the newspaper was purchased from the estate of Ralph C. Metcalf. He is a graduate of Westford Academy (of which he is now a trustee), the Kimball School, and the University of New Hampshire, class of 1929. He attended Boston University for two years, where he studied journalism. Mr. Seavey is a director of the Belmont Board of Trade and a member of Belmont Rotary. He owns his residence at 12 Hammond Road.

Frank L. Appell, news editor, is a product of Boston University, where he attained high honors in journalism. He was managing editor of the B. U. NEWS his senior year. His work is highly regarded in the field of community newspapers, as well as in Belmont. He has been connected with the CITIZEN for the past eight years.

Frank Bonfilio is a member of the editorial staff, specializing on general news, weddings and engagements, and obituaries. He started writing for the CITIZEN in 1922, while attending Belmont High School. He is a graduate of Burdett College.

Robert V. Spencer, Circulation Manager and Consultant, holds degrees from Yale and Columbia. He believes in paid subscription local newspapers as indispensable to the proper functioning of democracy in local community life.

Ellen Wells Seavey handles society news and the classified advertising department. She is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton.

The CITIZEN also has several other paid contributors and feature story writers which, together with the regular staff, have contributed greatly toward making this newspaper a prize winner in state and national competition.

Our History

The CITIZEN is truly a Belmont institution. It first appeared on March 29, 1919, with the full support of the town, which then numbered 9,000 inhabitants. Indeed, hundreds of original subscribers are still on the subscription lists.

This newspaper was sponsored by a group of prominent citizens acting through the old Belmont Civic Association. Among those most active in urging its first owner and editor, Ralph C. Metcalf, to start publication were Jay R. Benton, former attorney-general, town meeting moderator, and now president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co., Charles Jenney, Wallace St. Clair Jones and the late Willard E. Cherry.

The CITIZEN has for many years been considered the "official" newspaper of several clubs and organizations, and has carried the seal of the Town of Belmont for many years as an integral part of its nameplate.

The quality of its editorial content and fine layout and printing has often won for the CITIZEN state and national recognition. It can be safely said that it is "a quality newspaper in a quality town."

Our Aim

Our aim is to continue to produce a newspaper which will serve democracy in every important phase of community life. We try each week to report the official town news accurately and with sufficient completeness to maintain an intelligent electorate. We also attempt to report social, organizational and religious news with equal favor to all. In turn we frankly ask the wholehearted and generous co-operation and support of the people.

Our Principles

We do not believe that it is the main legitimate function of any paper to attempt to make up the minds of its readers on all important public questions. As we see it, our main duty is to give the people the important facts at all times so that they will be able to form intelligent opinions for themselves. On the other hand, we do believe it to be our bounden duty to speak out fearlessly and impersonally whenever such a course seems in the interest of the public good.

Your Part

No matter how high and conscientious our aims may be, they go for naught, except in so far as the people co-operate in making this paper the success which this community of 27,000 people deserves.

A Letter From The Editor . . .

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Dear Fellow-Citizen:

We are mailing you, with our compliments, a copy of THE BELMONT CITIZEN to make sure that you are familiar with our paper to date.

The CITIZEN staff works very hard to serve the community with all its various interests and to produce a paper of which Belmont may be justly proud. If you will examine each page carefully, you will not need to be a journalist to understand something of the conscientious effort which goes into the production of each copy of the CITIZEN. You will also see what an interesting chronicle of events is garnered and recorded in its columns.

Within a short time of the receipt of this letter, you will receive a friendly telephone call from Robert V. Spencer of our staff, who has been connected with the CITIZEN for several years. He will offer you a year's subscription to the CITIZEN at a price which will bring the weekly cost of our excellent newspaper down to less than five cents a week.

I shall appreciate your giving this circular and his telephone call serious consideration.

Cordially yours,

BELMONT CITIZEN, Inc.

G. B. Seavey

Managing Editor

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It Carries . . .

More first-hand news about your friends, town events, church programs, school doings, athletic contests, civic proceedings and local undertakings **than any other paper** that comes to Belmont.

Something for the entire household: local war work news, club events, church affairs, pictures, athletics, social affairs, theatres, scores of personal items of interest about your neighbors and friends. Also, many exclusive feature stories.

It Has Been . . .

A consistent policy of the CITIZEN for the past 24 years to treat only those events which make for a family newspaper.

To carry the news which a good citizen and a good neighbor should know about his own home town.

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March 24, 1943

Mr. Gordon B. Seavey
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Dear Mr. Seavey:

You are to be heartily congratulated on going into the armed services and I wish you all the good fortune possible.

Relative to the dedication of the Waverley Railroad Station, you might have someone talk with my mother at 11 Oak Avenue. She was at the ceremonies and I believe can give you a good deal of reminiscent detail. My father was not there as he had to go to Guildhall, Vermont, where his father was seriously ill.

You have run an eminently fine metropolitan town newspaper, which has been in every way a credit to you and your associates. You will be missed and your early return will be awaited with real anticipation.

Meanwhile, I know that Frank Appell can count on the interested and friendly support of us all. Here, in the Company, we will do our bit by continuing the monthly advertising.

Your "circulation" circular is excellent. I think having a man, like Robert Spencer, keep going around and keeping everlastingly at it will bring results, day after day, week after week -- personal solicitation is the way to get subscribers after a paper has been going a while.

I believe a lot of readers like "old timer" articles. Alex Chandler is a good source either for stories or to contribute them -- and John P. Hennessey is a mine of information -- his memory is startling and he has a flair for reporting. He did most of the "Courier" work the last year it was published. I was too busy practicing law and learning the ropes at the Legislature. Have Jack Hennessey tell you about the time the lady parachutist in pink tights jumped too soon from a balloon, landed on the White Street fence of the Isaac Watts place and broke both legs. The Gay Nineties in Waverley were something.

Sincerely yours,



"Big Inch" climbs a hill and swims a stream to bring crude oil from Texas to the East Coast refineries

GEORGE L. BARNES
209 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON

March 24, 1943

Dear Jay

Thanks for sending me the copy of "Practical Politics" of April 22, 1916.

It brings back a lot of pleasant recollections of old associates and particularly yourself. It was good of you to think of me.

Sincerely

George L. Barnes

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress St.
Boston, Mass.

A BATTLE FOR MEAT

Housewives Overflow Faneuil Hall Markets



Buying Rush—Report that meat would be "frozen" at midnight tomorrow sent hundreds of housewives into the Faneuil Hall market district today . . . all anxious to get the backbone of Sunday's dinner. Here are some of the would-be purchasers . . . and below . . .

International News Photos by Bill Jones

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Disclosure today of coupon values of meat showed that Americans will be allowed, starting Monday, to buy a maximum of two pounds of popular-type steak or 3 1-5 pounds of hamburger per person per week under rationing.

Wednesday, March 24th 1943

A good night's sleep - and woke up chipper. For breakfast - orange juice - Corn flakes - Drofted eggs on toast - Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances - John went along too. Subway. John out at Park St. Office Work - out to lunch at 11.50 - to Harris for the films Walked across the Common and out Boylston St. into the Sheraton Shop and Loewenstein's - looking for a table for the telephone in the den. to Commonwealth Ave - to Red Cross Headquarters and surprised Frances - there she was hard at work - to the Harvard Club. Checked an item on my bill - Lunch there with Jane. Dry Martini - Meat Loaf - Mushroom Sauce. Baked Macaroni with cheese - Buttered Carrots - Iced Coffee. Grapefruit - Subway Back to Boylston. to Krey's Music Shop - Bought 2 Ampico Rolls - "Moonlight Becomes You" and "I'm getting tired so I can Sleep" to Woolworth's for eye droppers and absorbent cotton. Back to the office and at the Corner gave "Disnadi" his snap - shot. Work. Left at 4.20. Cars all the way home. Hot cup of tea. New chains to [illegible] Light Sockets in the main Bath room put on today. Up stairs and read before Dinner. Shad - Filet of Haddock. Tartar Sauce. Parsley Potato. Yellow string Beans. Cole Slaw - Pot. Chips. Milk - Orange Jelly. Up stairs at 7.10

Boston Gets First Sample of Spring

The Weather Bureau has been telling us for several days that Spring is here, but yesterday was the first real indication of it.

The temperature reached 55 degrees in mid-afternoon, and citizens lolled about the streets or basked on Boston Common under cloudless skies. Sandlot baseball, marbles and kites were in evidence, and strollers shed their overcoats without discomfort.

Thursday, March 25th 1943

This was a Balmy day and wore my Top-Coat for the first time this Spring. Orange Juice - Cream of Wheat - Fried egg. Hamburger Patty - Toast - Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances - Nicholas went along too to help out at Boston Red Cross during the day. On the way we picked up and gave rides to Hubert Rogers - Mrs. Packett and Mrs. Libby. Subway - Office - Work - at 12.30 to the Parker House. Annual Meeting of the Greater Boston Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. Sat with Messrs Miner, Pliny Jewell, and John Tuckerman + Back to the office at 2.20. Work. Left at 4.30. Cars all the way home + Hot cup of tea - Played Pinpico Rolls - and a couple of ReBurney Records - Girls out - Nicholas taking them on what he calls a "Binge" - Frances prepared the dinner and good. Asparagus Soup. Sliced Cold Roast Beef. Worcestershire Sauce - Potato Salad - Parsnips - Lettuce + Tomato Salad. Buttered Toast - Milk. Cut up oranges + grapefruit - Upstairs at 7. Peter went out to the Movies.

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March 25, 1943

Dear Mr. Townsley:

These are such crowded days that it isn't hard to understand how Exeter may have slipped your mind this Christmas.

I'm sure that the slip wasn't intentional, and am just writing to remind you that the books of the Christmas Fund are still open, and that we'd like to record your gift -- now.

This year's Fund has received $15,736 from 2,072 contributors, or an average gift of $7.59, so far. We're ahead of the past three years in every category. However, your gift is still needed. As you know, the number of scholarships the school can award depends on the size of the Fund. Particularly in wartime, scholarships are a great factor in opening the school's doors to poor boys who are good Exeter material.

So won't you please send your contribution to Dr. Perry today? -- and remember that it isn't the amount, it's the gift, that counts.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

March 25, 1943

Dear Mother + Daddy,

We are receiving all the mail here now + lots of it. I haven't written for a few days as I have been so busy settling again. Our apartment is tiny, but is new + the sun streams in all day. The kitchen is grand, and we are getting along wonderfully. We are lucky to have any place in this town as it is so crowded.

The Pages live in the upstairs apartment + it is a perfect setup. They are a really swell couple.

We have a tiny yard, all enclosed by a light blue picket fence. The yard is loaded with weeds + so we are clearing it up

bit by bit.

We have bought seed for a victory garden as there is a large tract outside the fence that belongs to this place. Now all we have to do is find a gardener to do the preliminary plowing and harrowing. We plan to have corn, peas, limas, green & wax beans, beets, carrots, lettuce, radishes, etc. It will be fun, if we ever get going on it.

The flowers out here are amazing. We have calla lilies in the back yard, carnations, roses, painted daisies, sweet peas, geraniums & many others. Also in one corner, 2 large artichoke plants - both bearing at the moment.

Last Saturday night we

all went to Camp for a dinner dance in honor of Gen. Morris' birthday. It was lots of fun. Camp Cooke is right on the shore, you know, so is all blacked out at night. Even have to drive with out lights!

In a few days, as soon as I get an envelope, I'll mail home some mementos, etc. I have collected.

I mailed John's birthday present to Belmont + if he leave before it arrives, will you forward it?

The weather is glorious here, too, now that the rains have ceased.

I am mailing back Mrs. Gray's letter to Mother. It was good to hear her news.

Let me know how Mr. Baker

is getting along. Hope he's out of the woods by the time this arrives.

Not much other news. I got ration books for Jim as he eats at home every day now. Am dying to see how meat rationing works out. We have more than enough of the other coupons. Have only used 8 points in the canned goods books.

Will write soon again. Have to do some work now.

Much Love to all,

Mary

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March 18, 1943

Honorable dear Sir:

The Annual Meeting of The Salvation Army Greater Boston Advisory Board and election of officers will be held on -

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
THE PARKER HOUSE
Old Boston Room
at 12:30 p. m.

Your presence is earnestly requested at this important meeting.

Kindly use the enclosed postal card in replying.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Wilson

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MARCH

March 25, 1943

To the Field Force:

The Campaign in honor of our President, Jay R. Benton, is practically over as far as the writing of new business is concerned.

However, the deciding factor as to who will win the Cup and Cash Bonuses depends on the amount of Ordinary that will be placed and paid for on or before April 15th! Therefore, to bring this Campaign to a successful conclusion EVERY MAN should try to collect 100% on his ordinary issue.

Remember! It is the ORDINARY PAID FOR that counts in the end!!

Yours very truly,

W. H. Woody.

Supt. of Agencies.

President's Cup

The annual campaign for President's Cup, awarded for new business during February, March and April, is under way in all districts of Boston Mutual Life, the goal being to honor President Jay Rogers Benton, Esq., former Massachusetts attorney-general.

The cup, now in possession of North Adams district under superintendent Clifton B. Powers, is being eagerly sought by other Boston Mutual offices, while North Adams is seeking a second leg holding towards permanent possession of the trophy.

Superintendent of Agencies William H. Moody and Lorne J. Peters, assistant superintendent, are receiving increasingly enthusiastic and competitive reports from the districts whose representatives are in an all-out drive.



The CITIZEN'S observations last week on the first issue of the Belmont Courier in 1889 prompted Jay R. Benton to send us a promotional card he got out for that Belmont weekly in 1915, after its revival. Editor Jay, who had re-established the paper of which his father had been co-publisher some years before, boasted that the new Courier in the preceding year had published fiction by such authors as Charles Dickens, Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain and O. Henry, "names to conjure with in the literary world." The editor who later became the state's attorney-general was right on his toes, for, says the broadside, "At the time of a serious calamity in our town recently, which occurred at 8 o'clock in the morning, the Courier was on sale in Belmont with a full account of the affair at 12:30 p.m. When the United States was having trouble at Vera Cruz, the Courier was the first weekly in Massachusetts to publish actual pictures from the war zone."

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In between scooping the state, Editor Benton received his full quota of suggestions from office hangers-on, if a cartoon in the broadside is any evidence. Under the caption, "Listening to Friendly Advice on How to Run the Courier," the drawing shows three townsmen hanging over the desk of Ye Ed. "Say, Jay, why don't you write an editorial knocking the car service?" "Would you like to run my picture next week?" and "If I was you, I'd run more jokes and cartoons" are their respective words in the balloons, while the harrassed journalist pleads, "I wish you fellows wouldn't bother me."

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Friday –

Dear Frances & Jack –

Can't tell you what your telephone calls and good wishes have meant to me in this terrible crisis of Chesters sickness. After all, no one can offer more than their love and when Frances called last Sunday that was just about all the children and myself needed to just "hold up" – it was too touching and because Chester is very weak and I have not yet dared to tell him of her wonderful offer. He is so sick, and as

Am finally shot of Kate to feel my way along quite carefully. Dr. Louise had probably left him there was a great improvement last week-end - really a miraculous one especially in his left foot which was so badly infected but yesterday he seemed to have slipped back a bit, altho he was more able to control his emotions. The doctors are still puzzled and frankly admit it and they continue to make various tests & perhaps they will arrive at the cause of this terrible trouble before long. At present apart all they can find it is a deficiency in certain vitamins. He has lost about 33 lbs - an awful lot - but they are making him eat the proper foods so I feel he will soon start to gain.

It is wonderful to have Julia with me - I felt I could not go on much longer alone - she is just the help I needed, and she has such a wonderful balance I can count on her to always do and say the right thing when she is with Edith - they (tho she is so shocked by his appearance.

Now I must send a few more notes but just wanted you to know how very much I appreciate Frances calls and offer of flood, and Kay's kind note. It was so nice seeing Louise and Pat - they are both so friendly. Sorry you couldn't have had

WILLIAM E. CHAMBERLAIN
96 PINCKNEY STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

March 26th

Dear Jay.

Thank you so much for
your kind expression of sympathy.
I believe you understand just how
I feel.

Sincerely

L B Chamberlain

Friday. March 26th 1943

Brigid as a Button this morning. For breakfast. Orange juice- Corn flakes- Scrambled eggs with Tomato- Toast- Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances. Colin along too. Also Peter and Robert Waite who went into Red Cross to help. Also "Cal" Rogers who gave us a lift. Subway- Office- Work. Out to lunch at 12.30 with Jane. A fine balmy day- Across the Common to the Hotel Lincolnshire - Shirred Eggs with sausage. Spinach. Iced Coffee. Grapefruit - Back across the Common. Nature called and a quick dash into the Avery. to Krey's Music Shop for another Ampico roll "Hey, Good looking" to Riggotts for a couple of test tubes, To Shrafts - Butter Crunch to send David. Office- Work. left at 4.15 - Subway to Harvard Square. hugged Frances new printed stationery, 1000 letterheads - 1000 Envelopes - Heavy. to Woolworth's for sundries - "Citizen" at the Subway newsstand - Met Frances in front of Lowes. Supper in Brattle St. Home. Warm and Fine. Sat out on the West Lawn. Over 20 Crocuses out. At 6.20 Nicholas in Tuxedo left for a Dinner Dance at the Hotel Vendome. Dinner. Broiled Halibut. French Fried Potatoes. Buttered Carrots. Toast. Lettuce Salad - Baked Apple. Milk. Peter down to Santa Brigida Hall To see her at the Bronxville Nichols School Play.

Saturday, March 27th 1943.
I was all alight out at 4.30 so turned on the light and pasted up old clippings 1905-1906 - to 6.45 when I went down to the front porch for the "Herald" Downstairs at 10 - With John and Nicholas took the storm windows off the front porch - Scrubbed and washed the floor - Brought up the summer furniture - the Brex rug - the Gloucester Hammock - Spring is officially here now. The Porch opened up again and ready looked sweet to me — Clare, Flora, Dressed. With Frances and Nicholas in the "Mercury" to the Church St. Garage. Subway to Town. To Steuben's Restaurant. Minute Sirloin Steak. Mushroom Sauce - Nicholas to the Shubert to see "Dancing in the Streets" - Frances and I to the Colonial to see the new musical comedy. "Away We Go" a rattling good show + To the Square on the Subway + to Harvard Provision Co. for Vat 69 - to the Greeks for evening papers and Chesterfield's - Home in the "Mercury" — Frances to Market. Dinner. Roast Beef - Hash. French Fried Onions. Carrots - Rolls - Milk - Orange Jelly. Up stairs at 7.30 John at Scouts - Bed at once again. —

HE VILLAIN (DANCED BY VLADIMIR KOSTENKO, THIRD FROM RIGHT) HAS LURED LAUREY, THE HEROINE, AWAY. HERE HE IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HER FOR THE CANCAN DANCERS





Joan Dixon, Celeste Holm, Alfred Drake, Joan Roberts, Joseph Buloff (kneeling) and Bella Garde.



After numerous trials and tribulations, **Curly** *(Alfred Drake) finally wins the fair* **Laurey** *(Joan Roberts).*

"Oklahoma!" Stake

FROM present indications it looks as though New York's Theater Guild has struck black gold in West Forty-fourth Street. "Oklahoma!" will certainly pay off. You can bring out all the superlatives in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and Roget's Thesaurus, and it would be hard to find one that hasn't already been applied to "Oklahoma!" We'll simplify the matter: we'll merely say it has everything, and we really mean "everything."

It has the most tuneful score since "Show Boat." Those people you hear singing as they come out of the St. James Theater aren't just happy; they have to sing because "Oklahoma!" has in it that kind of songs. When you hear "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "People Will Say" and "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," you'll agree we knew what we were talking about. We'd like to place a bet that "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top" will become an American classic along with "Casey Jones" and "Ol' Man River."

The songs you'll be sure to hear, but you'll have to see "Oklahoma!" itself to appreciate the dancing, the most on Broadway. It's ballet, but that frighten you. It is lively, satirical and all excellently done de Mille created the dances, achieved the well-nigh impossibl ting men who look like cowh dance like the Ballet Russe. girls have found that you can h of fun while you dance, and sti good ballet performance.

Priorities don't seem to hav the production—or if they did, ernment should immediately gra Ayers and Miles White for it flage division. Mr. Ayers' sets clean, wide-open look of Gran



Marc Platt and Katharine Sergava dance as Curly *and* Laurey *in the dream ballet.*



A bit of satirical dancing from the amusing ballet conceived by Agnes de Mille.



Miles White got the inspiration for these dance costumes from some old cigarette cards.

A Claim on Broadway

htings. And Mr. White's costumes entertaining in themselves and are e in luscious shades which will have r effect in the fashion world. Both spent much time in research.

The cast—it seems odd not to have tioned them before, but they are so d you forget they are acting; strange- nough, they are people who have had ood deal of experience, but were not well known on Broadway before this duction. Betty Garde, who is delight- as *Aunt Eller*, did appear in "The nrose Path," but has devoted most of time to radio, appearing on such grams as the "Cavalcade of America" the "Columbia Workshop." Alfred Drake, whose romantic difficulties win the sympathy of the audience, has had more Broadway experience than the others, having been in "White Horse Inn" and other musical successes. Joan Roberts, a native New Yorker, came to Broadway via St. Louis. She made a success in operetta there before she was given the lead in "Oklahoma!" There is plenty of comedy in the show, but the best of it is safely entrusted to Joseph Buloff, who made such a hit as the Greek landlord in "My Sister Eileen," and to Celeste Holm, who appeared earlier in the season in "The Damask Cheek." There's not space (wartime restrictions) to mention all the dancers, but Marc Platt and Katharine Sergava deserve a special word for their work.

And who is responsible for this super-production? None other than Rouben Mamoulian, famous in Hollywood and on Broadway, who directed the production; Richard Rodgers ("By Jupiter" and "The Boys from Syracuse") and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd ("Show Boat"), who did the songs; also Lynn Riggs, who wrote "Green Grow the Lilacs," on which "Oklahoma!" is based.

And a final word from us—if Oklahoma itself is half as attractive as "Oklahoma!" the Chambers of Commerce had better prepare for an influx of visitors from Broadway.



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GEORGE CHURCH ERIC VICTOR

Settings by
LEMUEL AYERS

Costumes by
MILES WHITE

Orchestra directed by Jacob Schwartzdorf
Orchestrations by Russell Bennett
Production under supervision of
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THE CAST:
(In Order of Appearance)

AUNT ELLER	BETTY GARDE
CURLY	ALFRED DRAKE
LAUREY	JOAN ROBERTS
IKE SKIDMORE	BARRY KELLEY
FRED	EDWIN CLAY
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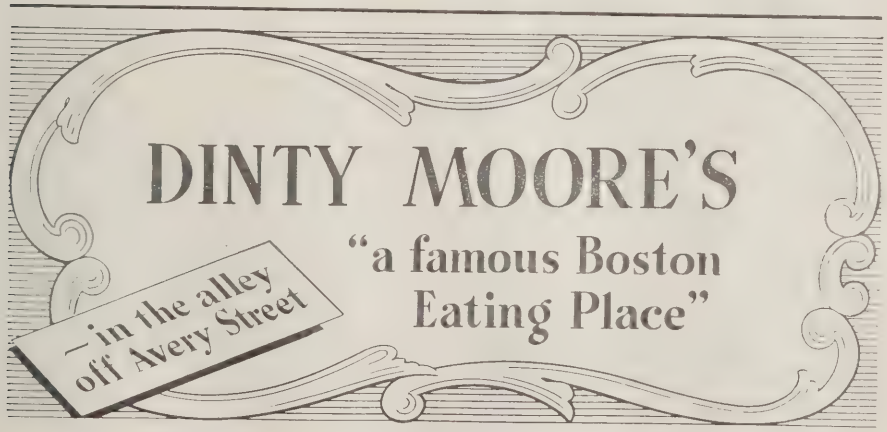
ACT I

SCENE 1.

Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' ..... Curly
The Surrey With the Fringe on the Top ..... Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller
Kansas City ..... Will
I Cain't Say No ..... Ado Annie and the Boys
Reprise of I Cain't Say No ..... Ado Annie and Will
Many a New Day ..... Laurey and the Girls
It's a Scandal! It's An Outrage! ..... Ali Hakim and the Boys
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Laurey Makes Up Her Mind.

Entire Ensemble

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George Church as Jud, Bambi Linn as the Child.

Laurey's Friends: Rhoda Hoffman, Rosemary Schaeffer, Nona eFid, Maria Harriton, Diana Adms, Billie Zay. Cowboys: Gary Fleming, Eric Kristen, Jack Dunphy, Ray Harrison, Kenneth LeRoy, Eddie Howland, Kenneth Buffet. Jud's Post Cards: Joan McCracken, Kate Friedlich, Margit DeKova, Bobby Barrentine, Vivian Smith.

ACT II SCENE 1

The Farmer and the Cowman.....Sung by Fred, Aunt Eller, Will, Curly, Ado Annie, Carnes and Ensemble.

Danced by: Marc Platt

SCENE 2

All 'er Nothin'.....Ado Annie and Will

SCENE 3

Boys and Girls Like You and Me.....Curly and Laurey
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Dancers:

Kenneth Buffet, George Church, Jack Dunphy, Gary Fleming, Eddie Howland, Ray Harrison, Eric Kristen, Marc Platt, Eric Victor.
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Scene From 'Away We Go'

Joan Roberts, Betty Garde, and Alfred Drake in the Theater Guild's musical comedy, now on view at the Colonial Theater.

Action From the Theater Guild's New Hit, "Oklahoma!"



A musical play, based on Lynn Riggs's "Green Grow the Lilacs," has settled down for a run at the St. James



Graphic House and Vandamm

es Theatre. In the first panel the happy boy and girl would be Joseph Buloff and Celeste Holm. Next, five of the dancers cavort nd in the right-hand picture Marc Platt and Katharine Sergava are having fun.



Scenes from the Theatre Guild's new musical hit "Oklahoma!" now at the St. .
in dances by Agnes De Mille

'Oklahoma!' New Musical, Plays Up Homespun U. S. A.



Most of the comedy in *Oklahoma!* is supplied by these two screwball characters — Ado Annie (Celeste Holm) and Ali Hakim (Joseph Buloff).

Something a little different in the way of musical comedy is due here tonight with the opening at the St. James Theater of *Oklahoma!* the Theatre Guild's musical version of the Lynn Riggs play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*. For though the results were aimed straight for Broadway and most of the people connected with the enterprise are old hands at show business, the production has such unusual features as a 28-piece orchestra (very large for a musical comedy), a generous sprinkling of graduates of the Juilliard School of Music and various ballet schools, and such people as the ballet's Agnes de Mille plotting the choreography and the movies' Rouben Mamoulian, directing.

What Richard Rodgers, who wrote the music, Oscar Hammerstein II, who wrote the book and lyrics, and Mamoulian are trying to do is to concoct something approaching a folk operetta. The book has a hero-heroine-villian, "curse you, Jack Dalton," kind of plot that leaves plenty of room for wild West square dances, *git*tar playing, and fights to the death. It also allows for colorful, Grant Woodsy sets by Lemuel Ayers and costumes by Miles White that play up petticoats and ten gallon hats.

Oklahoma opened out-of-town on March 11 and comes to New York after a "try-out" of only 20 days—something of a record for a big musical show. And that, as the wise birds on Shubert Alley will tell you, is a good sign.



Sitting on the porch of their Oklahoma ranch house are the show's three principals (l. to r.): Aunt Eller (Betty Garde), her niece, Laurey (Joan Roberts) and Laurey's boy friend, Curly (Alfred Drake). The cast has plenty of talent, but no big-name stars.



This "fancy lady" of the early 19
is one of five such gals who also a
pear in Laurey's dream. Kate Fri
lich dances the role.



A fair sample of Agnes de Mille's dances is this dream sequence, in which the heroine has a nightmare about her forthcoming wedding. Katharine Sergava, at left in the bridal gown, dances the dream version of Laurey. The three dancers at right represent Laurey's friends "marching" down the aisle of the church with hands folded in caricatured solemnity.

Photos by Graphic House

Setting a Scene for the Guild's "Oklahoma"



Members of the cast stand from under when the surrey is lowered from its storage space overhead. Two girls are helped to their stations back of a prop haystack. The audience will see them sitting in the hay

[From Late Editions of Yesterday's TIMES.]

THE PLAY

'Oklahoma!' a Musical Hailed as Delightful, Based on 'Green Grow the Lilacs,' Opens Here at the St. James Theatre

OKLAHOMA! a musical play in two acts and five scenes, derived from "Green Grow the Lilacs," by Lynn Riggs. Music by Richard Rodgers; book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein 2d. Staged by Rouben Mamoulian; choreography by Agnes de Mille; settings by Lemuel Ayers; costumes designed by Miles White; produced by the Theatre Guild. At the St. James Theatre.

Aunt Eller.....Betty Garde
Curly.....Alfred Drake
Laurey.....Joan Roberts
Ike Skidmore.....Barry Kelley
Fred.....Edwin Clay
Slim.....Herbert Rissman
Will Parker.....Lee Dixon
Jud Fry.....Howard da Silva
Ado Annie Carnes.....Celeste Holm
Ali Hakim.....Joseph Buloff
Gertie Cummings.....Jane Lawrence
Ellen.....Katharine Sergava
Kate.....Ellen Love
Sylvie.....Joan McCracken
Armina.....Kate Friedlich
Aggie.....Bambi Linn
Andrew Carnes.....Ralph Riggs
Cord Elam.....Owen Martin
Jess.....George Church
Chalmers.....Marc Platt
Mike.....Paul Schierz
Joe.....George Irving
Sam.....Hayes Gordon

By LEWIS NICHOLS

For years they have been saying the Theatre Guild is dead, words that obviously will have to be eaten with breakfast this morning. Forsaking the sometimes somber tenor of her ways, the little lady of Fifty-second Street last evening danced off into new paths and brought to the St. James a truly delightful musical play called "Oklahoma!" Wonderful is the nearest adjective, for this excursion of the Guild combines a fresh and infectious gayety, a charm of manner, beautiful acting, singing and dancing, and a score by Richard Rodgers which doesn't do any harm either, since it is one of his best.

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"Oklahoma!" is based on Lynn Riggs's saga of the Indian Territory at the turn of the century, "Green Grow the Lilacs," and, like its predecessor, it is simple and warm. It relies not for a moment on Broadway gags to stimulate an appearance of comedy, but goes winningly on its way with Rouben Mamoulian's best direction to point up its sly humor, and with some of Agnes de Mille's most inspired dances to do so further. There is more comedy in one of Miss de Mille's gay little passages than in many of the other Broadway tom-tom beats together. The Guild has known what it is about in pursuing talent for its new departure.

Mr. Rodgers's scores never lack grace, but seldom have they been so well integrated as this for "Oklahoma!" He has turned out waltzes, love songs, comic songs and a title number which the State



Joseph Buloff, in "Oklahoma"

in question would do well to seize as an anthem forthwith. "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and "People Will Say" are headed for countless juke-boxes across the land, and a dirge called "Pore Jud"—in which the hero of the fable tries to persuade his rival to hang himself—is amazingly comic. "The Farmer and the Cowman" and "The Surry with the Fringe on the Top" also deserve mention only because they quite clearly approach perfection; no number of the score is out of place or badly handled. The orchestrations are by Russell Bennett, who knows his humor and has on this occasion let himself go with all the laughter he can command.

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To speak and sing the words—Oscar Hammerstein 2d contributed the book and lyrics—the play has an excellent collection of players, none of whom yet is world-famous. Alfred Drake and Joan Roberts as the two leading singers are fresh and engaging; they have clear voices and the thought that the audience might also like to hear Mr. Hammerstein's poetry. Joseph Buloff is marvelous as the peddler who ambles through the evening selling wares from French cards to Asiatic perfume—and avoiding matrimony. Howard da Silva, Lee Dixon, Celeste Holm and Ralph Riggs are some of the others, and Katharine Sergava and Mark Platt are two of the important dancers. Possibly in addition to being a musical play, "Oklahoma!" could be called a folk operetta; whatever it is, it is very good.

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Production under the supervision of THERESA HELBURN *and* LAWRENCE LANGNER

"The Theatre Guild has a hit on its hands. 'Oklahoma' is fresh, lively, colorful and enormously pleasing. Richard Rodgers has written one of the finest musical scores any musical play ever had . . . the lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein 2d, are bright and amusing . . . the amazing Agnes de Mille ballets are such supreme, aesthetic delights as to challenge anything the Met can produce this season. They are spine tingling, out of this world . . . Celeste Holm simply tucked the show under her arm . . . Miss Holm with her fresh beauty, has too much talent to be quite credible." —*Burton Rascoe, World-Telegram*

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" . . . Oscar Hammerstein has turned Mr. Rigg's play into a light and colorful libretto . . . from the uproar of welcome at the St. James last night there was no mistaking the fact that in 'Oklahoma!' the Guild has a beautiful and delightful show, fresh and imaginative . . . Rouben Mamoulian has managed to give the whole thing the gaiety and freshness of the material . . . Lemuel Ayers has tossed out a stageful of handsome scenery . . . Agnes de Mille has inserted some superb dances . . . all helped by Miles White's brilliant costumes." —*John Anderson, Journal-American*

"The Theatre Guild distinguishes itself with a rare and lovely production . . . the most beguiling melodies Richard Rodgers has written in years. Miss Roberts is a delight . . . Call her a find, and it's all right. She is both vocal and ornamental."

—*Ward Morehouse, Sun*

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". . . the neatest, purest thing Mr. Hammerstein has ever accomplished. Rouben Mamoulian directed. There is no one around with better taste or a surer skill."

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News of Food

Supplies of Green Vegetables Larger, With Prices Much Lower Than a Week Ago

By JANE HOLT

Supplies of green vegetables are increasing daily, reports the Consumers Service Bureau of the Department of Markets, and prices are appreciably lower than they were last Friday. Spinach dropped an average of 3 cents during the week; kale, 4. Boston lettuce and asparagus are also cheaper.

Potatoes are still creating a furor among wholesale and retail grocers, however. OPA's efforts to abolish black markets, in so far as this vegetable is concerned, have only encouraged new ones to spring up, one authority declared yesterday. The office recently placed a ceiling on seed potatoes that was 75 cents higher on a hundred pounds than the one on table stock, so farmers set aside the latter for seed purposes. Some wholesalers are buying them for civilian con-

Fight Black Markets

To enforce the ceiling prices for food that have been established by the Office of Price Administration, Mayor La Guardia has asked that all overcharges be reported either to his office in City Hall, COrtlandt 7-1000, or to the Department of Markets, 137 Centre Street, CAnal 6-5651.

Oranges: California	6c each
Florida	3c each
Table pears	8c each
Pineapple	50c each
Rhubarb	27c lb.
Strawberries	36c pint

Poultry Continues Scarce

Poultry is as scarce as it was last week, we are informed. Broiling chickens, at about 41 cents a pound, are generally available, but fowl and roasters are extremely hard to come by, as is duck.

Many speculators continue to

"WONDERFUL IS THE NEAREST ADJECTIVE!..."

—LOUIS NICHOLS, TIMES

". . . for this excursion of The Guild combines a fresh and infectious gayety, a charm of manner, beautiful acting, singing and dancing, and a score by Richard Rodgers which doesn't do any harm either, since it is one of his best . . . a truly delightful musical play." —LOUIS NICHOLS, TIMES

" 'Oklahoma!' is a jubilant and enchanting musical . . . one of the most captivating shows of the season. The Richard Rodgers score is one of his best . . . Oscar Hammerstein 2d has written a dramatically imaginative libretto, and a string of catchy lyrics . . . Agnes de Mille has worked small miracles in devising original dances . . . Rouben Mamoulian has directed an excellent company with great taste and craftsmanship. Alfred Drake is first rate . . . Howard da Silva is equally fine . . . Betty Garde is splendid . . . Joseph Buloff has some wonderfully funny scenes."

—HOWARD BARNES, HERALD-TRIBUNE

"★★★+ . . . the most attractively American musical comedy since 'Show Boat' . . . has color and rhythm and harmony plus. Rouben Mamoulian did the staging and with fine judgment. Alfred Drake has never found so happy a role . . . Joan Roberts is charmingly fitted to the role of the heroine . . . Lee Dixon doubles nicely in song and dance. The excellent ballet is headed by Marc Platt and Katharine Sergava, and they were great favorites last night."

—BURNS MANTLE, DAILY NEWS

" . . . 'Oklahoma' is Oscar Hammerstein's best since 'Show Boat' and Richard Rodgers' best songs in a long spell. The audience last night had a happy time."

—WALTER WINCHELL, MIRROR

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Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**

Book and Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN 2d**

Production Directed by **ROUBEN MAMOULIAN**

Dances by **AGNES de MILLE**

UNITED STATES ARMY

SUNDAY,
MARCH. 28, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad ——

This has been a busy week. Not much time for writing.

Thursday, I was on guard duty from 3:00 to 5:00 A.M. It was not fun marching around with a big shotgun yelling "halt!" etc. at civilians + others entering the post.

By the way, we are located right next door to the old Wilcox home where President McKinley died.

Yesterday afternoon, we had a dress parade and exercises, being presented with a flag by Bergado veterans. Long speeches and standing at attention for hours — not much fun.

I think I may get 3 or 4 days, Sat. + Sun. By Easter weekend.

The officers are generally inclined. (Official — not mine.) If it does work out, I think I shall go down to Jeannie Sunday and up to Belmont Saturday. If — I get a pass — if I'm still in Buffalo — I think I may fly if I can make connections — probably won't be able to. Maybe I can get a lift with the Bomber ferry command. (just kidding)

Jack and I took a few magnetos & then went to the movies today. Our passes are good until two A.M. but, I missed so much sleep this week, I am going right to bed. (9:00 pm).

Will send the pictures as soon as possible. Fingers crossed on the Easter furlough.

Love,
Dave



AGNES DE MILLE WROTE, DIRECTED BALLET INTERPRETING HEROINE'S DREAM



"The Surrey With the Fringe On Top" is one of loveliest Rodgers-Hammerstein songs in *Oklahoma!* Here Laurey (Joan Roberts) and Curly (Alfred Drake) sing it as they begin their honeymoon. Starting briskly, it gradually slows toward end, thus simulating pace of actual ride. Oscar Hammerstein II, whose biggest hit up to 1943 was *Showboat*, writes warm lyrics of beautiful simplicity; his dialect has an authentic local ring. In many instances he kept close to text of Lynn Riggs's *Green Grow the Lilacs*, from which *Oklahoma!* was adapted.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

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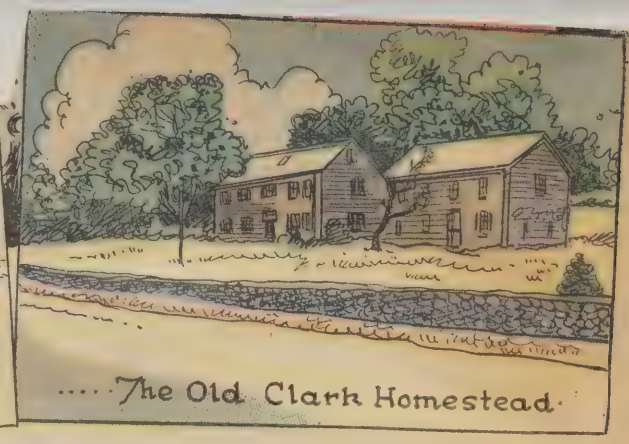
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By BOB COYNE

"It must be wonderful to be 80 and to be able to look back over years crowded with kind acts, unfailing charity, and understanding public service—to know that you have made your worldly wealth a blessing to your town and its people." This was in the open letter which the townspeople of Belmont addressed to Mrs. Katherine W. Atkins on her 80th birthday. And Mrs. Atkins richly deserved their tribute, for she has been Belmont's benefactress for a long period.

Living in Belmont are descendants of many of the original settlers, the Chenerys, Hittingers, Wellingtons and Hills. It was a Wellington who founded Belmont. He slipped away from Saltonstall's plantation in Watertown and broke ground on the Pequosette Plantation. The fertile soil was especially suited to dairying and agriculture and the colony grew.

From its gardens the finest quality of produce was shipped to the markets of Boston. Belmont became famous for its Boston Market celery. On Belmont's open fields pure-bred Holsteins pastured, and in its greenhouses the finest quality of flowers were produced. The year 1859 saw the introduction of the strawberry festival, an event which grew until in the Civil War days it was attended by thousands.

BECAME RESIDENTIAL

Agriculture then sustained the community, but with the opening of the Harvard Square subway and other improved transportation facilities, Belmont saw many changes. Land, used for the production of food products, proved of immense value in real estate and the building of attractive dwellings began. Almost over night the fields vanished, houses filled open spaces, and Belmont became entirely residential.

For over a century one of the show places of Belmont was the Wellington homestead in the center of the town. It was a stately home rich with memories, and when it was demolished at the end of the 19th century it seemed as though part of early Belmont went with it. It had been the home of many Wellingtons, from Roger, one of the founders, down through the time of Jeduthan.

In 1775 while working in the fields of the estate Jeduthan heard the echo of cannon and saw the skies darkened with smoke from the battle of Bunker Hill. Like Cincinnatus, who left his plow to become Emperor, Jeduthan left his plow in an untinished furrow and rushed to the scene of action. Many springs passed before his return; the plow rusted and the earth hardened while Jeduthan fought for the rights of freemen. His military activities brought him in contact with Lafayette and the two became fast friends.

When peace came, Jeduthan returned to the old homestead, where the brave patriot proved a worthy citizen. Through his efforts the road from Concord to Boston was built. For years Jeduthan provided a team and yoke of oxen to help teams carry heavy loads over the steep slopes and he gave that service free to all who desired it. Today that road follows the same course except where it was diverted from the steep rise of Centre avenue.

LAFAYETTE'S VISIT

One of the most thrilling events was the visit of Lafayette to his old friend Jeduthan. The entire town turned out to see the Marquis and his colorful escort. The two patriots drank each other's health, and Belmont would have you know the beverage was cider and that it was home-brewed. The glass from which they drank has come down as a treasured possession of the Wellingtons.

The two met again when Wellington was invited to be Lafayette's guest at the laying of the cornerstone of Bunker Hill. At that historic event they parted, never to meet again. The Swifts, Wellingtons, and Underwoods are all descendants of the early Wellingtons.

Near the boundary that separates Belmont from Watertown is the legendary scene of the beaver-trapping expedition of Norsemen. Here, too, are oaks, considered by scientists as the finest in the country and estimated by the late Prof. Agassiz to be more than 1000 years old. The poet Lowell loved to loiter in this section which he described as "one of the loveliest spots in the world." The cascade and the mill pond beyond inspired him to write "Beaver Brook":

> "The miller dreams not at what cost
> The quivering millstones hum and whirl,
> Nor how for every turn are lost
> Armfuls of diamonds and of pearls."

PROMINENT RESIDENTS

Belmont is unusual in that it has no industrial establishments; it is distinctly residential. Many college professors have chosen it as their home; among them is Prof. George B. Waterhouse of Technology. He is a metallurgist of international reputation and is consultant to many business enterprises throughout the world. Legal authorities enjoy its home atmosphere; Judge Forte, Judge Hannify, Judge Monohan, Judge Boudreau, and the former Judge Burns. With so many legal lights how could a town be anything but upright and very proper!

The Benton family provided the State with a Lieutenant Governor and the son of the house, the Hon. Jay R. Benton, was an Attorney General. Recovering from a long illness is Josiah McManus, the Belmont representative of one of the oldest box concerns, Atwood and McManus. Another in the group of Belmont business men is Charles T. Reardon, Jr., President of the Metropolitan Coal Company.

The Kendals for Soapine, the Underwoods in deviled ham, and the Atkins with their sugar plantations, suggest some of the varied pursuits of its people.

From a Belmont drug store a young lady went to Hollywood. Belmont knew her as Eleanor Lovegren when she worked on a soda fountain; but in the movies she is Jean Rogers. Another little girl who played in her father's pet shop grew up with such a great love for animals that she introduced catnip mice. They were so delightful that cats meowed for them; and the idea developed into quite a business for Mrs. Conroy of Belmont.

Across from the Town Hall, marked by a cannon taken from the U. S. S. Constitution, is the Belmont Municipal Light Company. It is publicly owned and purchases the power which it distributes at the lowest rate in the State.

Belmont has much to recommend it; attractive homes, progressive people and a local government that has been successful in keeping expenses down.

(Next week Bob Coyne will sketch and describe highlights of Waltham.)

"Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" is show's first number, sets the [illegible] five seconds after curtain-up, it successfully violates an old rule of showmanship which says musicals must open with a chorus. This and other tunes are available in a Decca album. One number, *People Will Say We're in Love*, was one of 1943's most-played tunes. *Oklahoma!*'s *All Er Nothin* has nothing at all to do with *All Or Nothing At All*, which Sinatra croons. Other good *Oklahoma!* songs: *Kansas City, Pore Jud Is Daid, Out of My Dreams, Many a New Day.*



SENT TO DAVID AND MARY

Sunday Evening, March 28, 1943

Dear

What with gas rationing and all, the last time we were able to get over to West Newton to see the Jamesons was October 25th, so it was with keen anticipation that we headed the Mercury at noon today for their house with your Mother, John, Nicholas, and I in the car. The day was decidedly on the cold side and while it stayed below forty degrees and being outdoors was out of the question, there was a bright sun and a cerulean sky. The youngsters were away for the day but Fritz was there, quite chipper, sun-tanned, and bubbling over telling of his vacation in the lake region of Florida. We came home at two to a dinner of Roast Leg of Lamb.

Monday and Tuesday this past week were pretty much days of work, although there was the "Knockers" Club Tuesday noon with a large attendance and much discussion of inside politics. In the evening John and Nicholas went into the Garden to the second play off game of the Bruins against Les Canadiens. Wednesday it warmed up a bit so Everett Lane and I took a long walk across the Common and out Boylston, where I went into the Sheraton Shop and Lowensteins looking for a good looking table to go where the old telephone table was in the Den, but failed to find what I wanted. Continuing our journey, we made a surprise visit upon your Mother at Red Cross Headquarters on Commonwealth Avenue and found her immersed in a flood of work. On to the Harvard Club for lunch of Meat Loaf and mushroom sauce.

Thursday was even a balmier day and out came the top coat for the first time this spring. Nicholas worked at Red Cross most of the day. I had the Annual Luncheon Meeting of the Greater Boston Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. Nicholas took Kathleen and Jane out tonight on what he called a "Binge" going to Steuben's for dinner and to Keith Memorial.



"Out of My Dreams" is ballet staged by Agnes de Mille. Unlike most musicals, *Oklahoma!* does not try to make singers dance or dancers sing. Instead, it has ballet dancers Katharine Sergava, Marc Platt, Vladimir Kostenko double for the singing leads. Miss de Mille, a dancer and choreographer, made her first big hit in her own *Rodeo*. She has also written *The Parvenues*, *Burgomaster's Branle*, did choreography for current Broadway hit, *One Touch of Venus*. Success of her work in *Oklahoma!* started ballet craze in popular musical shows.

Peter and Robert Waite worked at Red Cross Friday. It was another warm day so we took another walk across the Common to the Hotel Lincolnshire for lunch -- Shirred Eggs and Sausage. Brought your Mother home 1,000 printed letterheads and envelopes. It was so comfortable your Mother and I sat out on the West Lawn before dinner for an hour and the crocuses were a delight with over twenty blossoms as a forerunner of the big parade. Nicholas was arrayed in his tuxedo and away to the Hotel Vendome to a Dinner Dance and Peter went down to Cantabrigia Hall to usher at the Browne & Nichols School play.

Saturday, no work at the office, but it was no day of rest. Up early and with John and Nicholas, scrubbed and washed the front porch, hosed all the piazza furniture, beat and cleaned the Gloucester Hammock and after an hour, there was the front porch already for the spring and summer. At noon your Mother, Nicholas, and I went in town and to Steuben's for lunch. Nicholas on to the "Shubert" to see "Dancing In The Streets" and your Mother and I to the "Colonial" to the Theatre Guild Musical Comedy, "Away We Go" and it was a corking show. It opens in New York tomorrow night and the name is going to be changed to "Oklahoma", which reminds me that it was "Fried Chicken a la Oklahoma" that Mary cooked for us all when we were out at the Jamesons last October and that brings this letter right smack back where we started in the first paragraph. Having made the circumference, I was taught in punctuation that now is the time to use a period, but I will close with my love.

JRB:BCC

Curly wins Laurey at the box office in [illegible] around have come dressed in their Sunday [illegible] version of the promenade. In [illegible] coat as [illegible] comedy interest. Its rustled [illegible] as Jonn McCracken, known on March 31, since, now has a road company on tour.







AT THE JAMESON'S,
WEST NEWTON, SUNDAY
MARCH 28, '43





← JAMEY,
HELEN,
+ BARBARA.

SUNDAY,
MARCH 28, '43



The true charm of *Oklahoma!*

Sunday, March 28th 1943

Up and Buzzing around from 6.30 on - the "Toast" "Clothes" and "Advertiser" came Brought in with my breakfast at 7.45 Orange Juice - Corn flakes. Fried eggs - Grilled Ham Roll - Butter and Coffee - Doing this and that - at 12.45 - Frances, John, Nicholas and I went over to West Newton - to have a noon day party with the Jamesons. Fritz Bacon there - and a real good Time. left at 2. And home - Dinner and rested the Balance of the day. At 6. Testing for the week and a hot tub Bath and the drafting of a letter to David and Mary +

ter a Year on Broadway They're Still Singing "You're Doin' Fine, Oklahoma—Oklahoma, O. K.!



he exuberant principals and ensemble are shown above in the title number of "Oklahoma!" at the St. James. Friday is its first birthday

Monday, March 29th 1943 –

Up Reluctantly – 6 – and busy – Breakfast – Orange juice – Cream of wheat – Poached Egg on Corn Beef Hash – Toast – Iced Coffee – to the Square with Frances – giving Charles L. Powers and Mrs. Libby a lift – Subway – Office. Cold today – Work – The Home office building is now being heated by coal – David Herman has left – and in his place – a friend of Barrows. Out at 12.30 with Lane to the Bank – then left film at Harris – to Shrafts on Boylston. Ordered a Big Service Picnic Box of Good Things To be sent To David for a Birthday Present – to Stuart's for lunch – Breaded Pork Tenderloin – Flowers for the Big Table at Chauncy St. – then a long hunt for "Spring Glory" Silver for a wedding present for John Rogers – to Longo, Smith Patterson, Jordans, Stowells, R. H. White's – none of these places had it. Having wandered around 45 minutes – gave it up and back to Jordan's and bought a sterling silver flat piece – Back to the office – left at 4.15 – Mailed accounts to all residuary legatees – Subway to Harvard Square. Met Frances in front of Mrs. August. Home. A hot cup of tea. Dinner at 6.40. Yankee Pot Roast.

N SCIENCE MONITOR, BOSTON, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1943

'. . . The Cupboard Was Bare'



By a Staff Photographer

Buying Rush 'Cleans Out' Blackstone Street Markets

Pre-ration rushes for meat supplies by Boston consumers left most of the stores in the downtown market area entirely cleaned out, and this morning many were closed. The Office of Price Administration has declared the State on an emergency basis, and large shipments are reported to be on the way to Boston from western packing houses. The now-empty display cases should look better by midweek, it was hinted.

March 29, 1943.

Mr. Donald H. Whittemore
Post Office Box 8
Minot, Massachusetts.

Dear Don:

Mr. Conant of your office saw me this morning and let me go over the file on the proposed Graduates' Night scheduled for April 22nd. He indicated that you had it in mind that I might manage and run off this show but there is a misunderstanding somewhere. Like yourself and a good many others we are having some of our key men drafted into the war services and the rest of us have to work overtime and of course this is our first and main concern.

I shall be pleased to go along on Graduates' Night in sort of an advisory capacity but it is clearly impossible for me to run the entertainment.

I see by Perry Baldwin's letter that he is out West and will not be back until April 20th. He was over to see me about March 11th and I spent some time going over the Pi Eta Directory. I selected 9 names of graduates who have ability and might be willing to take part in the entertainment.

Sorry to hear that you are laid up with a cold and hope you will be back in your office in a few days. You might give me a ring at that time and we will get together in order that someone who has the time can undertake to line up a show by April 22nd if possible.

Very truly yours,

Jay P. Benton

JRB/mem

Gravy - Noodles. Turnip. Lettuce Salad. Cream of Tartar Biscuit - Milk - Cut up Fruit.
Retained at 7.05 -
Nicholas has not been feeling well today and went to bed early.

Tuesday, March 30 1943 X

Nicholas went Back to Exeter today his spring vacation being over. Well, it had To rain again ~ not heavily - but it was drizzling down all day. For breakfast - Orange juice - wheatgerm - Fried eggs & Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances - Gave Everett Hardy a lift - Subway - Office - work - Nicholas came in at 11 and I gave him some money to buy sport shoes and racetrack shoes - Left 12.45 To the Knockers Club, at the Parker House - George Barnes, Jarvis Hunt, Then Draker, Charlie Barnes - Had American Chop Suey - A green salad - Milk - Tangerine ~ Back to the office - Real Estate Committee - The "Wares" Poster on the Tapestry + the Bosun's Whistle - to Kid Everett Lane. Left at 4.15. Cars all the way home. A hot cup of tea. x - Slept most home. Going to the Playoff Hockey game - Frances and Peter and I alone at the Dinner Table - Home Made Chicken Soup - Lamb in Gravy - Mashed Potato - Beets - Spinach and Carrots - Hot Rolls - Butter - Milk. Strawberries - Upstairs at 7.05

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Mom,

MARCH 30, 1943

Dear Mom & Dad ——

Thursday noon I and the thirty four other Aviation Cadets in our squadron were shipped out to Clarence Field, about 20 miles outside of Buffalo. I and eight other men are quartered (Delight A) go up at 8:00 tomorrow morning. We are the first men of the unit to start flight training. It certainly is exciting —— at last, after two months of everything but flying, we now really get into the swing of things.

We are quartered in what used to be a state hospital. Each man has a private room. I have contact to the 200 men in a room at the convalescent.

The setup is really wonderful here. No drill — no ground duty - no dull classwork. We fly for four hours — and have ground school for four hours each day. Oh, heaven!

I know it's pretty late to mention birthday presents but I could use a pair of good fur-top flying mitts and one of those semi-elementary books on aerial navigation.

By the way, I have already received two birthday packages one from Mary and one from Lulu 5th Ave. which I presume is from Jeanne.

My address remains the same - the mail will be forwarded to me here.

Please convey my best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Rogers and also my regrets at not being able to attend the wedding & reception. I should like to get there in person.

Nothing new on the cadet program. I feel quite sure it will go through but would be wonderful to get home at least once before going to Maxwell Field.

Must get to bed to be in good shape for the big moment.

Love

Dave

ON THE FIELD OF ACTION IN TUNISIA AS OUR

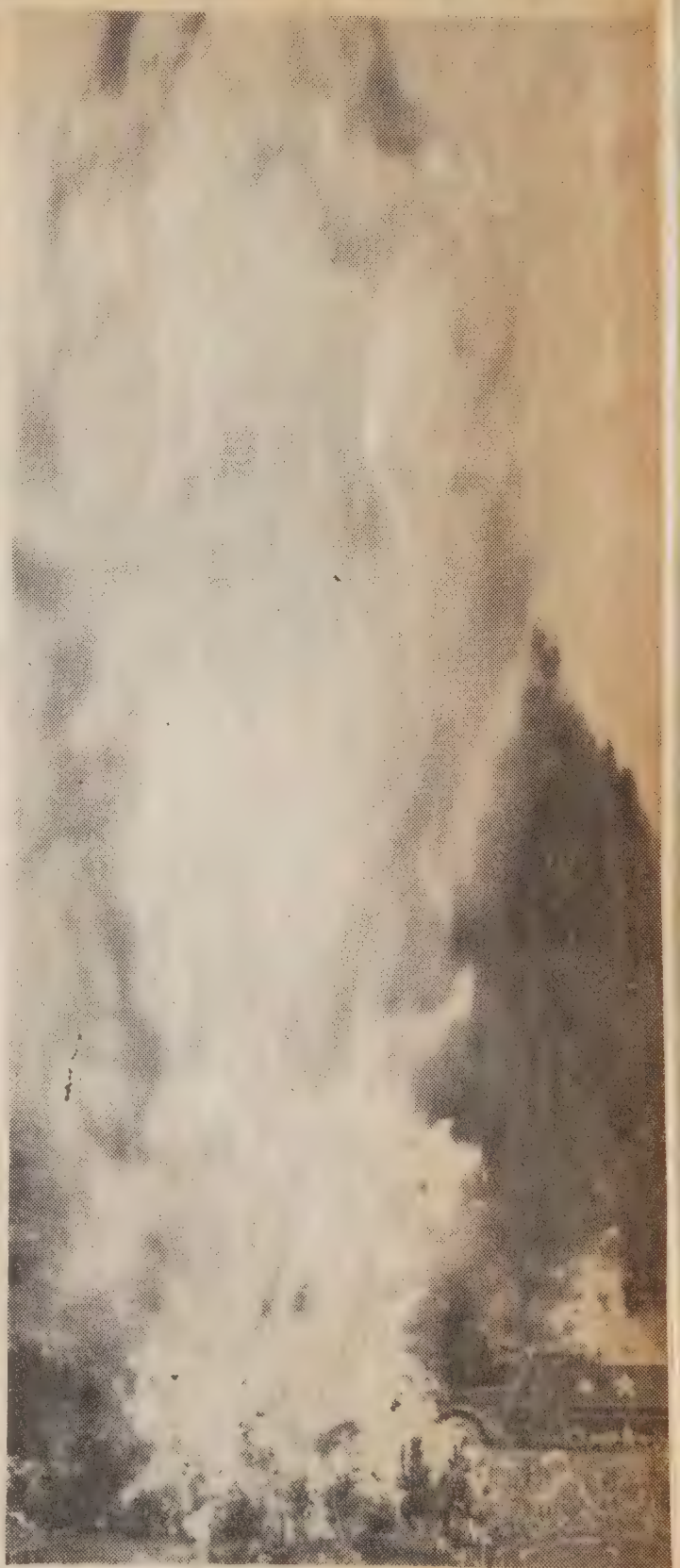


Two bombs burst close to a patrol, while in the foreground a wounded soldier is attended to by members of the Medical Corps. amphibious jeeps. Soldiers (circles) lie prone and two others crouch as they fire against the enemy.

PUSH AHEAD AGAINST ROMMEL'S AFRICA CORPS



s carrying members of the patrol are a half-track (center) and two



A half-track crossing a stream is caught between the explosions two bombs.

BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

There will be a meeting of the

Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 31, at 12:30 p.m.

at the Parker House

M. D. Liming, Secretary



Cheer Contestants—This is some of the throng which saw James O'Donnell of Everett, Boston College senior, and Samuel B. Cinamon of Roxbury High School for Boys win the Boston championships in the nationwide Jefferson Bicentennial Oratorical Contest. Daniel J. McDevitt, Boston School Committee chairman, and Dr. Arthur L. Gould, superintendent of schools, were high in their praise of the contestants. International News Service Photos **STORY ON PAGE 4**

SEATS ON THE AISLE
FOR KATHLEEN AND JANE.

Meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday, March 31, at 12:30 p.m., at the Parker House. Present: President Henry J. Nichols and Directors Thomas P. Beal, Jay R. Benton, William H. Best, Paul F. Clark, T. C. Haffenreffer, J. E. Harrell, Durham Jones, Irwin L. Moore, Philip Nichols, William M. Rand, Charles T. Reardon, James M. Rothwell, Erwin H. Schell, Glenwood J. Sherrard, Joseph P. Spang, Jr., F. Frank Vorenberg, M. D. Liming, Secretary, and Arthur S. Harris; also during part of the meeting, Mr. J. Sidney Stone, former Chairman of the Committee on State Taxation and Expenditures, and Mr. William H. Day, Manager of the Transportation Bureau.

The record of the meeting held March 12 was approved subject to correction of an error with reference to the date of the legislative hearing on the bill (S.227) requiring payment of weekly wages in currency.

Membership Matters

The Committee on Membership submitted the following reports:

(1) Recommending the acceptance of 5 applications for membership in the Chamber.

It was VOTED that the report be approved and that the applicants named therein be elected to membership in the Chamber subject to the usual ten days posting.

(2) Recommending the acceptance of 6 resignations from membership in the Chamber.

It was VOTED that the report be approved and that the resignations of the men named therein be accepted.

(3) Recommending that the resignations of 3 men be accepted as of a date prior to the termination of their membership year. An effort had been made to induce each to continue payment of dues to the end of his membership year, but it appeared that because of special circumstances none had been able to do so.

It was so VOTED.

Financial Statements

The following financial statements were submitted:

Monthly detailed statement showing appropriations, receipts and expenditures as of February 28, 1943
Condensed statement of net income and expenses for the two months ending February 28, 1943
Condensed balance sheet as of February 28, 1943

It was VOTED that the statements enumerated above be received and placed on file.

Wednesday, March 31ST 1943.
Woke up at 5 entirely refreshed so took the box of 323 Christmas Cards and indexed them - so I could take them in town to send up to the Hand Society, who send them down to the grade schools in the Carolina Hills for the children to use. Breakfast of orange juice - corn flakes. Boiled School. Roll. Iced Coffee. At 9 came Moody and we drove over the road to Lawrence to call at the Hospital to see John F. Brennan, who has been the Boston Mutual District Superintendant there for 33 years. I am sorry to say that we found Mr. Brennan a very sick man. Then drive Back to Boston via Andover. An overcast day and chilly. Reached the office at 11.15 - Quit at 12.30. To the Parker House. Lunch Meeting of the Directors of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Sat with Bill Rand. Back to the office at 2.20. Work. Left at 4.15 - Subway to Harvard Square. Met Frances in front of Mrs. Augusta - Hume. A Hot Cup of Tea. Girls out. Franco Cooking. Clam Chowder. Cream of Tartar Biscuits with Meat - Lettuce, Cheese, & Onion Salad. Milk. A dark dish, Apple Pie. Upstairs at 7. Kathleen made David a large Chocolate Cake, which I took in town and mailed to him -
Nocturnal Fracas and threatening about most of the night.

30 Lincoln Street
Watertown, Massachusetts

March 31, 1943

Dear Jay,

I received your letter with considerable disappointment. You know that I have suggested several times that you deliver the address at our Old Home Sunday is Guildhall.

You know also that I have had no small degree of confidence in you and your ability. As I suggested to you I thought perhaps if you had gone in for it you might have beaten the Curley-Hurley combination for governor.

You will, therefore, understand my dilemma with reference to Old Home Sunday. If there was 80 percent chance that you could deliver the address, I would be much in favor of waiting, but if we wait too long we cannot get anybody but some local man who is not adequate to the occasion.

I am writing you again hoping that you can be a little more definite on the favorable side.

If you think it too uncertain I think I shall write to Governor Wills and want to do that, if I do it at all, soon or he will be engaged. Tell me what you think.

Very sincerely yours,

Mar 31, 1943.

Fred E Bowditch

April 5, 1943

Fred E. Crawford, Esq.
30 Lincoln Street
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Fred:

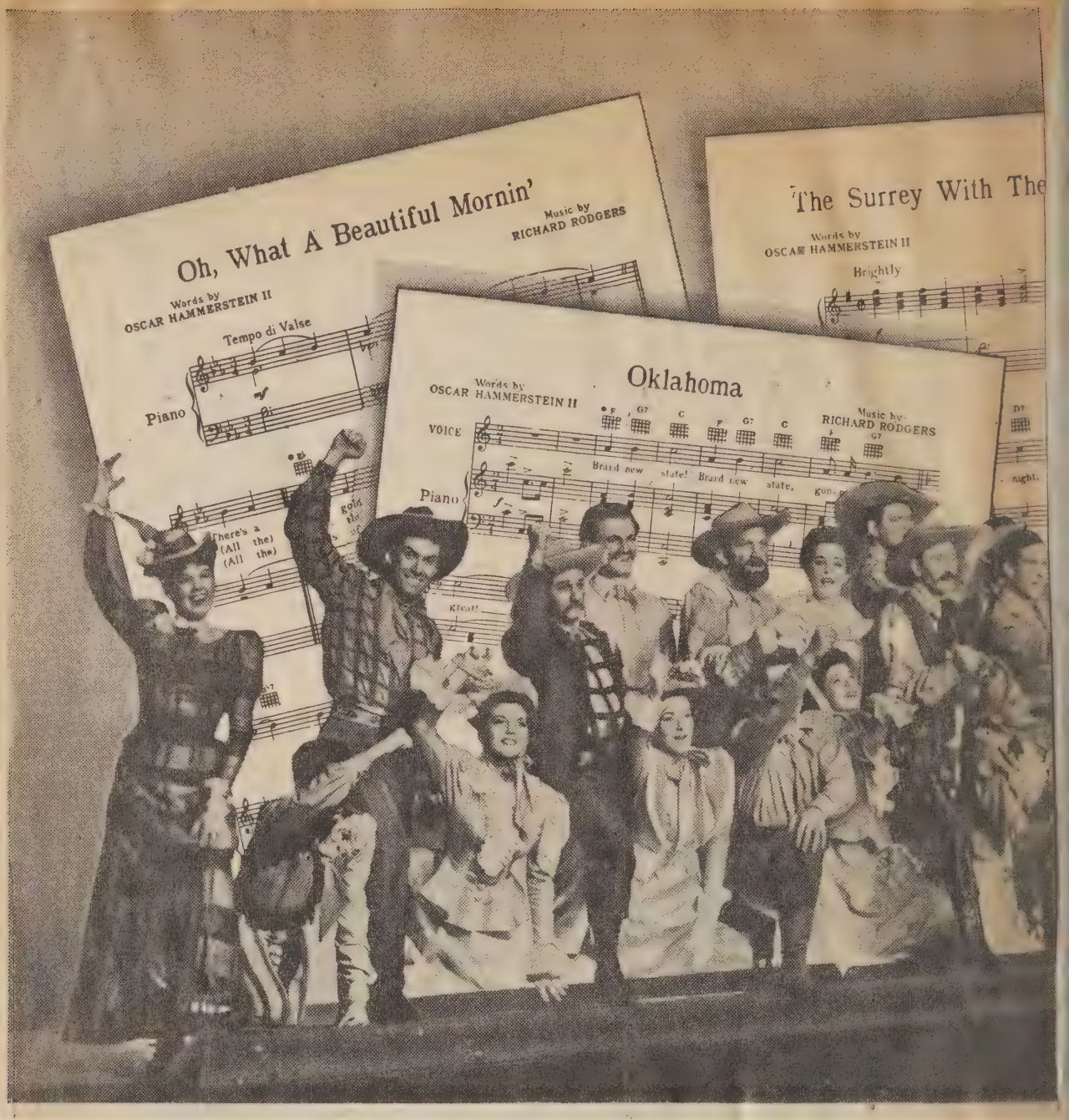
You could have no one any better than Governor Wills to give the address at Old Home Sunday. I suggest you invite him without delay. My own plans are so indefinite that you must not wait on me. If I do get up to Guildhall, and if I feel as tired out as I do now, all I will want to do is rest.
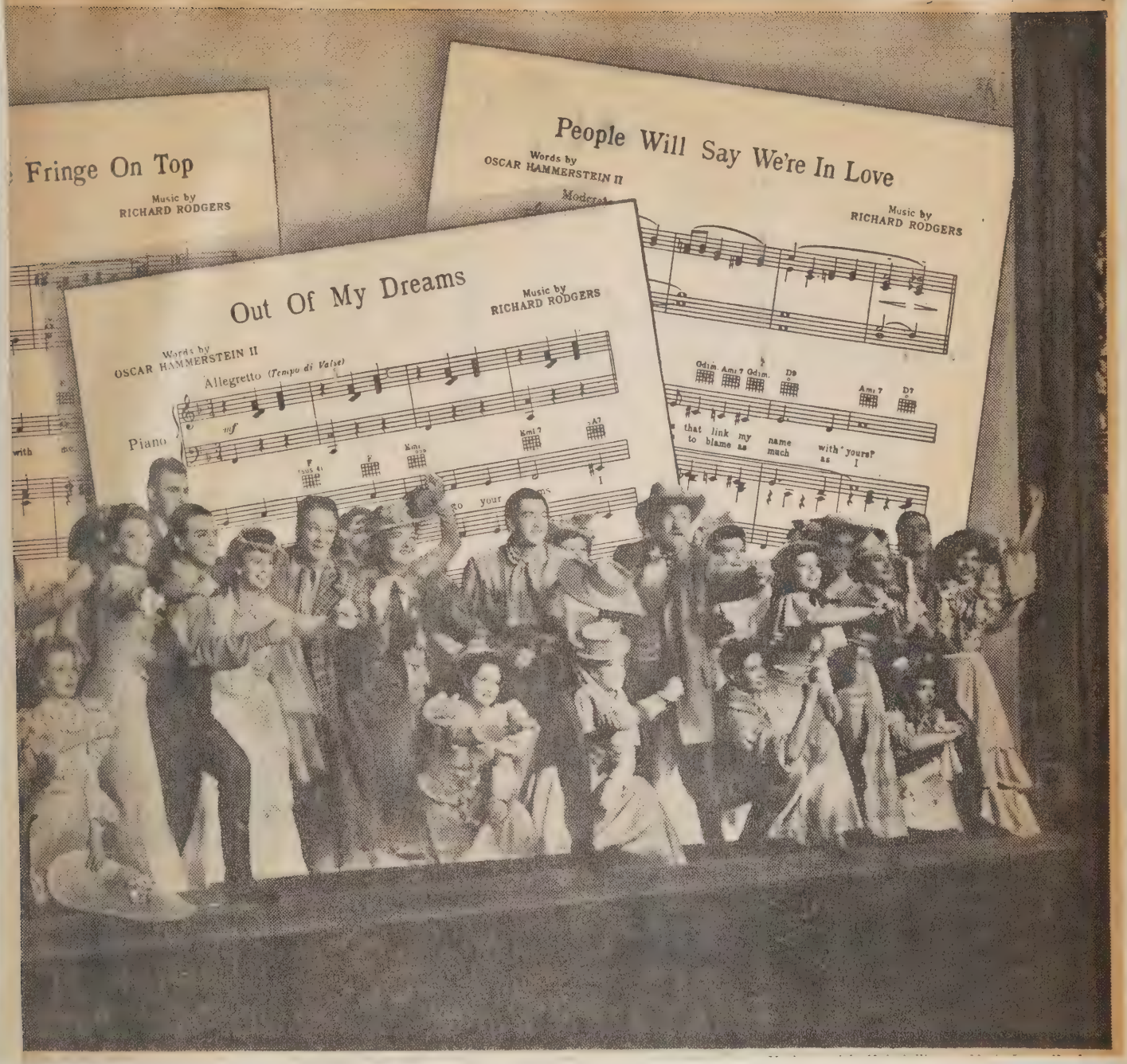
Governor Wills was down to the Vermont Association Sugaring Off Saturday night and made a fine speech.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC


Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'
Words by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
Tempo di Valse
Piano
The Surrey With The
Words by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Brightly
Oklahoma
Words by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
VOICE
Piano
Brand new state! Brand new state,


Fringe On Top
Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
People Will Say We're In Love
Words by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
Out Of My Dreams
Words by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
Allegretto (Tempo di Valse)
Piano
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